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Special Attractions



•LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! Senior Chris Rogers, Student Council Vice-President, videotapes on Clash Day during Homecoming's Spirit Week. The Student Council sponsored many special events throughout the year for students to get involved in, spirit week being one.

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Action! Portage is known as a school of action. Students knew that talk was cheap and that actions spoke louder than words. For example, PHS received its NCA (North Central Association) rating as an accredited high school. Students and faculty members worked together to make Portage special. The faculty took action by participating in student activities such as student-faculty exchange day and sponsoring new and unique clubs like the Prayer Group and the Medieval club. The students took action by participating in many school and community sponsored activities. An example was the annual Variety Show. Working together faculty and students were a special attraction.



• "Being a part of the one and only Outstanding Young Manscholarship program made the year special and all the good times with my friends," senior Sean Kitchel said.



• "What made this school year special was knowing that as soon as this year is over I'll be a senior," Erica Alicea, junior, said.

• At the annual Awards Night May 27, seniors Rachel Mahns and Scott Drake receive the U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award from Army officer SFC Jerry Sullivan.



• Performing his version of Alabama's "Mountain Music" at Air Band, senior Bob Ignas prepares to sing. Students enjoyed both viewing and participating in the annual show.



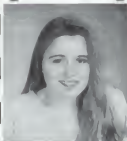
• Preparing for opening night, seniors Tara Denk and Nicole Power rehearse their lines for Funny Girl. Nicole was given a special tribute at Sunday's final performance.

• Dancing the night away, seniors Jay Gutierrez and Seann Daily enjoy the junior-senior Prom. The junior class sold boxer shorts and candy throughout the year to raise funds for the Prom.

The years we spend at high school change our lives. Many things happen and many days are made special by events in the world. We leave PHS completely different people with a new perspective on life. Events such as the election in November caused a major change when Bill Clinton was elected, the first democrat in office in 12 years. Hurricane Andrew hit in September and ravaged through southern Florida. It killed close to 30 people and caused millions of dollars in damage. In Waco, Texas the standoff between the followers of the Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and federal authorities resulted in the deaths of 86 cult followers and four ATF agents. All of these world-wide events changed the outlooks of many students.



• "My friends made this year special because we did new things and being in tennis I met a lot of new friends," Brian Minick, sophomore, said.



• "This year was made special by my friends and my boyfriend because of the games and the dances that we went to," Nicole Brutout, sophomore, said.

• The Variety Show, Feb. 20, was a special event that allowed students to show off their unique talents. Kaimi Blaha, freshman, shows her piano playing talents by playing a song from Cats.



•Sports opened new horizons for many students. Lisa Fain, sophomore, found golf to be one of her favorite interests.



•Fall Homecoming was a special time for many students during the school year. This year Jason Kennedy, senior, was crowned Mr. Football and Laura Alkire, senior, was named queen.

•Opening night was the start of many special things for students at PHS. Jennifer Blaszkiewicz, junior, prepares Sarah Mitchell, sophomore, for the Spring Musical, a stressful, but exciting event for many to participate in.

Students: Spirit Main Attraction at the Home of the Indians

here are special attractions all over the home of the Indians.

These special attractions separate our school from all the others. One special attraction is the

way the students are able to show their school spirit. The

able to show their spirit through fundraisers by different

nizations, such as the SADD/STOP club which raised money

tage po-

a coat

gave chil-

spirit traditionally through not one, but

fall and one in the winter. The faculty also

by participating in Homecoming and other

special attractions here are a one of a kind airband contest, a variety show, Broadway hit plays

and the only Outstanding Young Man Scholarship program in the state. Almost any way a

student wishes to express their spirit they can do it here at Portage High School, where the

students are the most special attractions of them all.



Senior Chris Jones grins as he and other senior boys perform Liza Manelli's *New York*.

students are

clubs and orga-

to buy the Por-

lice department bulletproof vests. The Student Council sponsored

drive, a food drive and Project Angel Tree, a project where they

dren with parents in jail toys. The student body also showed its

two homecomings, one in the

shows its pride for our school

organizational functions. More



Sophomore Anthony Alaniz busts a move at the Fall Homecoming dance.

Tracy Barnard and Fred McWilliams, seniors, dance the night away at the senior prom. Fred dons Tracy's garter on his head.





T. Reed

♦ Juniors Wendy Schaeffer and Jenny Parduhn and freshman Shellie Stout march in the annual Popcorn Festival Parade with the remaining members of the band. The Marching Indians travelled to several cities to participate in various parades and competitions over the summer.

♦ During the summer, seniors Amy Mattix, Melissa Stitts and Stacie Cook, spend time with each other. Hanging out with friends was a popular activity for students over the summer.



Those Special Days of

Summer

Relaxing at the beach, soaking up the rays, hanging out with friends... this is the true meaning of summer.

Several students agreed that the area beaches were a favorite place to go, but other students spent their summer out of town.

Junior Katina O'Neal said, "I spent a lot of my summer at the beach with my friends."

Senior Bob Cunningham said, "I had a nice family vacation in Florida. I went to Daytona and drove along the beach. I also went to Disney World and had a great time at Epcot Center."

Other students spent time with their friends.

Freshman Maria Cantu said, "I went swimming and

also played volleyball and basketball."

David Platt, sophomore, said, "I played a lot of tennis and golf with my friends."

Although the summer found students enjoying themselves with various recreational ac-



Seniors Erica Martinez and John Arrendondo take time to pose for a picture at a camp in Estes Park, Colorado. Several Student Council members attended the camp to improve their leadership skills.

tivities, it also found them hard at work with either summer jobs or summer school.

Tammy Sickles, junior, said, "I spent most of my summer working at the PHS print shop making calendars and student handbooks."

"I took U.S.

History in summer school. I wouldn't have wanted to take it in the school year for I anticipated being unhappy with the things taught," junior Quinton Shorter said.

To many students, the summer did not last long enough.

"Summer vacation is too short because I don't have enough time to see all of my friends," sophomore Kim Lowell said.

Bob said, "I didn't want the school year to start."

Summer turned into autumn and school began. Although most students dreamed the thought of homework, seeing their friends again brought them into the school spirit.

-Sarah McEwan

-Gina Gesmond



E. Smith

During summer school, senior Margaret Lowell and junior Melissa Chavez relax while on break. Many students enroll in summer school to obtain the extra credits they need to graduate.

Before the academic year started, students were required to register for classes. Senior Laura Phogely takes a look at her schedule before leaving the school so that she may enjoy the final days of summer vacation.



◆ Freshmen Dale Pryle, Kevin Hilley, Will Edmonds, Chris Huerta, Matt Ray, Jamie Sheriff and Aaron Galindo show their school spirit at the pep session by cheering for their class and displaying pride in their homemade football player.

◆ Seniors Tracy Brown, Shannon Little, and senior class mascot Jackie Hazard show their homecoming spirit during the parade.



The Spirit Of

Fall Homecoming

Traditionally, homecoming is a time for alumni to remember the moments that they shared with friends by visiting their schools again.

For the students of PHS though, homecoming 1992 was a time of fierce competition between classes, thrilling victories in school spirit, and an agonizing, fourth quarter defeat against Michigan City Rogers.

Spirit week started the fire of homecoming with college day, followed by clash day, class color day and hippie day. Friday ended the week with red and white day.

Although most students were active in the events of homecoming, the seniors were the overall winners of spirit week.

Sophomore Carla Brickley said, "I think spirit week gets everybody ready for the game on Friday."

Senior Leslie Blackwell agreed, "It (spirit week) gets everybody together and promotes class unity."

Also encouraging school togetherness were the contests sponsored by the student council. Prior to homecoming week, the council members voted on a de-



Hoping to win the pep session, junior Brandon McKinney cheers for his class. The seniors came in first with the juniors a close second and the sophomores and freshmen close at their heels.

sign for the homecoming t-shirt.

The shirt had a front and a back design. Juniors Tuan Nguyen and Cathy Billick won the contest, and their art was seen on hundreds of students throughout homecoming.

In the various lunchtime contests of fall homecoming, students voted

senior Brian Smolnicky as the cutest baby and also seniors Laura Alkire, Rosie Jovanovic, Amy Mattix, Erica Martinez and Shannon McAllister as homecoming queen candidates.

Portage played the Raiders of Michigan City Rogers at fall homecoming, and though the team tried with every effort to win, the Raiders defeated the Indians with a score of 16-21.

Sophomore Joe Adamski said, "It (the game) was good until the second half when we started losing."

Senior Deanna Taylor agreed, "Portage just didn't play to the best of their ability."

Despite the loss of the game, most people felt that homecoming 1992 was an overall success.

-Gina Gesmond
-Sarah McEwan



Although they were newcomers to the homecoming scene, active members of the freshmen class show off their float at the parade. Despite all of the hard work, the freshmen float came in fourth place, but that didn't stop the freshmen class from showing a strong sense of spirit.

Even though the Raiders defeated Portage, the Homecoming spirit was still in the air as Homecoming Queen Laura Alkire and Mr. Football Jason Kennedy dance the night away.



◆ As the LaPorte players run onto the court, avid Indian fans juniors Brian Balas, Lana McCorkle, and Rebecca Brakji hide their faces behind newspapers showing a lack of interest in the arrival of the opposing team.

◆ Despite the controversy surrounding the elections of the Winter Homecoming court members, senior John Arrendondo was chosen King, senior Stacie Cook was chosen Queen, junior Candie Modesto was chosen Princess and Kurt Mattix, junior, was chosen Prince.



After Christmas vacation, students were busy with studying for final exams and not very many of the year's major social events were planned. However, amid the pressure of a renewed semester, students found consolation and togetherness during Winter Homecoming.

Like the previous year, video club members created a video of the winter and spring sports for the student body to view after the morning announcements each day. Many of the athletes were appreciative of the efforts of the club.

Sophomore Junior Varsity girls basketball player Robynne Lutesaid, "I thought it (the video) was nice. It was kind of cool to finally be recognized by the school for our achievements."

Also a part of Winter Homecoming was spirit week. It began with class color day and was followed by college t-shirt/boxer day, beach day and dress up day. As in years past, spirit week ended with red and white day.

While some of the students

participated in the events of the week, the majority did not.

Jennifer Blazkiewicz, junior, said "I don't think people participate as much in the spirit of Winter Homecoming because in Fall Homecoming the days were a lot better and everyone gets more excited for the football game than the basketball game."

Student

The Excitement of



Winter Homecoming Queen nominees seniors Theresa Shaw and Monica Martinez wait in anticipation for the results of the student vote during the halftime ceremonies at the LaPorte game.

Council President senior John Arrendondosaid, "In the future the school will need to have class competitions in Winter Homecoming as an incentive for more students to participate."

Sophomore Trena Schaeffer said, "I thought it (the game) was cool. The students were really spirited and it looked like everyone had fun."

Students

nominated and voted for the candidates of the court during their lunch hours, and this year a controversy developed. Some students complained about the original nominees of the court so the school had a recount.

Student Council Secretary senior Stacie Cook said, "I thought that the elections could have gone better. First off, they should have had a teacher count the votes because I don't think it's fair to allow students to count anything that they could be involved in. However, there are always mistakes that will be made. People are not perfect. We corrected it, everything turned out fine, everyone got on the court and no one was left out. There was equal opportunity."

Controversy along with the victory of the basketball team added an extra spark of spirit to Winter Homecoming. These elements worked together to make Winter Homecoming a big success.

-Gina Gesmond
-Sarah McEwan



Portage played LaPorte for Winter Homecoming and won the game with a score of 71-60. Varsity basketball player senior Jim Pantell fakes out a LaPorte player during the second half of the game while hopeful fans watch with excitement.

Aside from the crowning of the court, the Winter Homecoming halftime ceremonies included a performance by the cheerleaders. Senior German foreign exchange student Stephan Stoitschew, a lifter, raises Varsity cheerleader junior Danie Nobles into the air before the second half begins. At games, cheerleaders gave a lot of spirit to the crowd and to the players.



First year teacher Sylvia Barrett (senior Tara Denk) and veteran faculty member Beatrice Schachter (senior Tracy Barnard) discuss their lesson plans for the first day of school at Calvin Coolidge High.

Back stage expert, senior John Stafford aids troubled student Joe Ferone (senior Joe Posovac) with his microphone on the opening night of the play. The work done back stage during the plays is an essential part of each production. The skilled crew of technicians handles lighting, sound and scenery.



Acting Up in the

Fall Play

Before the performance of the fall drama production *Up the Down Staircase*, the 30 actors rehearsed with each other night after night in order to make it one of the best presentations that has ever been brought to the East auditorium stage.

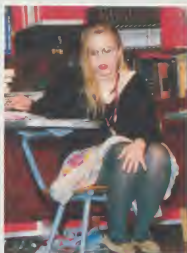
Up the Down Staircase is a play about a first year teacher named Sylvia Barrett who, fresh out of college, arrives at Calvin Coolidge High School expecting to greet enthusiastic students along with the kind of environment that promotes learning and understanding. What she ended up with however, was a school that cared more about rules than knowledge and more about paperwork than the lives of its students.

The plot thickens as Sylvia establishes a close relationship with each of her unique students and proves to them

and to the administration that she is more than a teacher, she is a friend.

Along with the various actors there were also two student directors.

"I liked being a student director, though I would also have liked to be on the stage. My job was to make note of the changes which



Overwhelmed because she will actually be expected to learn the material that is taught, serious student Elizabeth Ellis stares into an avant garde world of disillusionment.

were made in the play and to read the parts of people who were absent from rehearsals," Sandy Samardzija, junior, said.

The cast members usually have a good time and view being involved in the productions as a learning experience.

Freshman Josh McCaslin

said, "I didn't feel any pressure being the only freshman in the play. Actually it (the play) was a very positive event for me because I met a lot of people and made a lot of good friends."

For most of the cast, the feeling of anxiety from performing in front of an audience did not arrive until opening night.

Eddie Escalante, sophomore, said, "I wasn't nervous at the rehearsals we had, but when I walked out on that stage my hands got really clammy."

Up the Down Staircase was performed on Nov. 21 and 22. As in years past, the cast also made a special performance for the people at Fountain View nursing home.

-Gina Gesmond

-Sarah McEwan



Students Rusty O'Brien (senior Chris Rogers), Carrie Blaine (junior Candie Modesto), Edward Williams Esquire (sophomore Eddie Escalante) and Lou Martin (senior Erich Squire) laugh hysterically while fellow classmate Lennie Neumark (freshman Josh McCaslin) falls onto the floor as his chair tips over.

Displaying her insensitivity to the feelings of other people, promiscuous student Linda Rosen (senior Sean Daily) takes the love letter from the frail hands of fellow classmate Alice Blake (senior Tiffanie Reid) and then reads it aloud to the class as the latter looks on in dismay.



•The month of February was Black History Month across America. A bulletin board of important Afro-Americans in American history and books were on display in the media center at East.



M. Washburn

Racial Discrimination and Tension:

—Segregated Area Can Cause Tension When Races Mix in School Setting

Being an Afro-American student at PHS may be more difficult than it seems. At the beginning of this school year, there were only seven African American students out of a 2,800 total enrollment.

Many problems among African American students start when moving to the area. Discrimination by other students sometimes starts right off hand.

Junior Jeff Carter said that when he moved to Portage from Valparaiso, "I would walk down the hallway or the street and people would start screaming names at me."

Senior Vernon Washington felt that students here were friendly, but he also said that sometimes when he would speak, people would not say anything back.

When junior Quinton Shorter moved to Portage in fifth grade, he had a different scenario. "It wasn't necessarily discrimination," he started, "it would be little comments or general exclusion of activities."

When racial tension rises, it is dealt with in a personal way. "I stay away from who I need to stay away from," Quinton said. "I ignore them."

Vernon dealt with racial tension by ignoring it, however he said, "if they put their hands on me, that is a different story."

As far as African American history is concerned, Portage has yet to offer any courses.

"I definitely feel that they need a course on African American history or more increased coverage in regular history classes," Quinton said.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday was observed at PHS for the first time in 1993 thanks to a petition sent around by Quinton and junior Matt Iszler.

"We were pushing for a week of celebration of Black history, but we only got one day for Martin Luther King Jr.," Quinton commented.

—Tiffanie Reid
Beginning Journalist

Would you
ever have an
abortion?

LEGALITY of ABORTION

Question of Choice:

—Legalizing Abortion May Prevent
Deaths from Illegal Abortions

Becky Bell was a high school sophomore when she became pregnant in the spring of 1988. She went to the local Planned Parenthood clinic where she was told of Indiana's law requiring the written consent of one parent for an abortion. She, however, was undecided over whether to carry the baby full term and then put it up for adoption or to travel out of state for an abortion. When she explained to her boyfriend her situation, he abandoned her. Her actions led to having an illegal abortion. A few days later she died from a genital infection.

In 1973, the Supreme Court overturned anti-abortion state laws by legalizing abortion in all 50 states in the famous *Roe v. Wade* case. Since then, the number of teens having abortions has risen. In 1987, more than 406,000 women had abortions. Among those, 26 percent were under the age of 20.

According to the Guttmacher Institute, three-fourths of the women that chose to have abortions said that having a baby would interfere with work, school or other responsibilities.

"If I got an abortion it would be because I think it would interfere with my life as a teen," freshman April Koukol said.

About two-thirds say they cannot afford to have a child. Medical expenses for the birth alone were well over \$7,000 in early 1992.

"If I got pregnant now and got an abortion, it would be because I don't have enough money to raise a child yet," freshman Kim Mrak said.

Kim's opinion about abortion is the same as many other teens of all ages. "I don't think abortion is wrong and I think it is wrong for someone to tell someone else what to do with their body," she said.

When the female involved does not have parental consent, an illegal abortion might occur. An illegal abortion may be self-performed or done by untrained personnel in unsanitary conditions.

—Denise Henderson
Beginning Journalist

Question of Value:

—Cruel Image Depicted with Abortion
Causes Many to Question Moral Side

"This film, *The Silent Scream*, using new sonographic techniques, shows the outline of the child in the womb thrashing to resist the suction device before it tears off the head. Then you see the dead child dismembered and the head crushed. Then the parts are sucked out.

"Nobody who sees this film will speak again of 'painless' abortion. The doctor who performed the abortion couldn't watch the film to the end," Joseph Sobran said in the *Conservative Digest*, August 1984.

In the first trimester of a woman's pregnancy, the most common method of abortion is D&C, Dilation and Curettage. A suction tube is inserted into the uterus through the birth canal. Then, the uterus is scraped clean with a curet, a spoon-like instrument. This is used to pry the placenta away from the mother's womb and to chop and mash the developing human into pieces that can be sucked through a vacuum tube.

Ever since the 1973 case of *Roe v. Wade*, many organizations have protested the legality of abortion that this case provided.

Senior Teresa Gingerich said, "Besides the fact it's what the church teaches you, why dealing with a human life. You're one night stand shouldn't be the fault of the child's."

According to the Centers for Disease Control, in 1972, before abortions were legal, there were 586,760 abortions. In 1980, there were 1,297,606 abortions, and the number has almost quadrupled since then. For every 1000 conceptions, 359 are aborted. For every 1000 live births, there are 730 abortions.

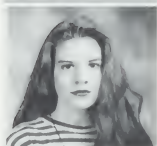
Sophomore Laura Demmon thinks this is wrong. "Abortion is a polite word for murder that Pro-Choice people use to make themselves look less cruel for taking the life of another human being," she said.

Abortion has been a very debatable topic, arguments ranging from women's rights to moral standards. Sophomore David Newton will always believe that abortion is, in every way, wrong. He said, "I don't feel the killing of an innocent being is right. Who gave us the right to choose who lives and who dies? Since when did we have the right to play God?"

—Katie Belcher



No. Because if I
did a abortion I
take one step
just wouldn't I
not matter my
Mum's life.
Kim Mrak, Jr.



I don't think I
wouldn't I
would, but I
wouldn't I
would the
April Koukol, Jr.



If there was
anyway I
This would be
best result
Kim Mrak, Jr.



*Senior Tiffanie Ried, a very firm believer in gay rights, steadily lines up a picture to glue to her Photography 4 project. Throughout the year, Tiffanie, along with several other students, often wore clothing displaying their beliefs, one being the shirt depicting the Azar's Big Boy wearing a shirt that said "Big Fag."



D. Jennings

Closets are for Clothes

—Commentary: Heather Has Two Mommies Pulled from School Library

Homosexuality is everywhere. It is at our schools, our jobs, even the churches we attend. It is a known fact, and society needs to start accepting it.

Just like homosexuals, homophobics are big in number. There are probably more homophobics in our society than could be counted. The fear needs to end, and understanding needs to begin; if not for our sake, for the sake of the children.

Whether we like to admit it or not, a large number of our nation's youth is attending school with children belonging to gay and lesbian parents. The children dress the same, talk the same and act the same as the other students; the only difference is two moms or two dads instead of one of each. I feel it is important for the children of heterosexual parents to know that these homosexual families exist. Because of our biased society, however, this cannot be taught through

our educational systems, proven when the book *Heather Has Two Mommies* was pulled out of an elementary school in New York.

I, myself, am not a homosexual, nor do I have homosexual parents; however, I feel the majority's attitude toward the gay community is disgusting. I do not understand the concept of ostracizing someone just because of their sexual preference. What kind of image does this portray to our children? Bigotry is not the best of role models.

I hope that in the future our nation will wake up and realize that there is more to a person than their sexuality. It is really sad that something as meager as sexual preference should affect the way society views a person as a whole. As of this moment, I am ashamed to say I live in such a society.

—Heather Baugh
Beginning Journalist

How do you
feel about your
role in the future?

Being aware



"I don't think my
should be involved
in the future. They
might try to offer
me a job. I don't
know if I want to
work for them or
not. I don't know
if I want to work
for them or not."



"If they can do the
job, they should be
able to do it.
They can't do it
anymore."
Michelle Alexander, 11



"We first time I
don't think that just
because they're
gay, they can't
do their job."
Nicole Szmuto, 12

Teen Pregnancy

If you are a girl, and were to become pregnant, would you...?

- 18% would have abortions
- 65% would keep the baby
- 16% would choose adoption

At what age did you first have sex?

- 26%—14 yrs. or younger
- 26%—15-16 yrs.
- 5%—17-18 yrs.
- 39%—have not had sex

Are you sexually active?

- 53% answered yes

What type of preventive measures do you take, if any?

- 51% use condoms
- 11% use the pill
- 8% do not use any

AIDS & other STDs

Do you feel you are at risk of contracting HIV?

- 21% feel they are at risk
- Do you know anyone that has AIDS?
- 20% know someone with the disease

Have you ever contracted an STD?

- 3% have

Do you think that there is enough information about AIDS/STDs available?

- 51% do not think so

Date Rape

Have you or anyone known ever been date raped?

- 35% said yes

Do you feel sexual advances should stop if the woman is drunk?

- 19% said no

Do you feel sexual advances should stop when a woman says no?

- 6% said no

If she doesn't put up a fight?

- 56% said yes

If she continues to be affectionate and passionate?

- 47% said yes

If she is apologetic, doesn't seem angry?

- 67% said yes

Editor's Note: The Pow Wow staff conducted a survey of the issues that affect teens today in selected English classes, grades 9-12. Approximately 10% of the student body was surveyed. The survey was compiled by Todd Summar and Linda Timney.

An Unprejudiced Disease

—Severity of AIDS and Number of Cases
On the Rise

Ryan White opened the eyes of many Americans by calling to their attention that AIDS does not discriminate against anyone. Women, men and children of all colors, backgrounds and sexual preference can get AIDS.

In Ryan's case he had to fight to go to school because people were scared to send their children to school with him. Today, more is known about AIDS than people knew during Ryan's struggle for an education. Now, it is known how AIDS is and is not transmitted, and because of that, children and teens with AIDS should be supported.

An American is diagnosed with AIDS about every 15 minutes and researchers estimate that as many as one in 300 college students is infected with AIDS. AIDS is the sixth leading cause of death for Americans ages 15-24, one-fourth of which were infected when they were teens. About 25 percent of the ten thousand women diagnosed with AIDS are in their twenties, which means that many of them became infected while they were teens, as are about 20 percent of 100,000 men. Seventy percent of females and 80 percent of males are sexually active by the age of 20, according to Ann Northrop, an AIDS educator at the Hetrick-Martin Institute in New York.

Portage students felt many different ways on this controversial issue.

Junior Becky Dettlerline said, "It wouldn't effect me because you can't get it from casual contact."

Many people lose friends because of AIDS, but junior John Farris said, "I would be just as close to that person, maybe closer."

Sophomore Nicole Szmuto agrees with John. "I was friends with them in the first place, so why should things change?"

Many people have suggested national laws about children and teens with AIDS from attending or restricting them from school.

"No way is it fair. Because they are not endangering anyone, and everyone has a right to an education," Becky said.

Teens with AIDS, as in Ryan's case, may struggle to get an education and to keep friends.

—Cheryl Banke
Beginning Journalist



•During a gym class in 1977, Ms. Bernita Adkins instructs some of her students on the fine points of the game.



Bidding a Fond Farewell

—After 32 Years of Service, Adkins Retires

Ms. Bernita Adkins, P.E. teacher of over 32 years, finished her last week at school after retiring in January.

Adkins, who graduated from Ball State and Purdue, was responsible for starting the girls athletics department in the late 60's. Adkins said, "It's something that I'm really proud of."

Before starting here in 1961, Adkins taught for four years at Columbia City, and one year at Purdue as a graduate assistant.

Adkins has been recognized for her accomplishment from various organizations including being named basketball coach of the year in 1984. She was also given the volleyball official of the year in 1983, and P.E. teacher of the year in 1983 from the state of Indiana.

Adkins said, "One of my most proud accomplishments is probably the year the girls went to Semi-State in 1975." She was the girls basketball coach from 1966-

86 when Mrs. Renee Turpa took over.

She also started the leadership program at the elementaries in 1968. The high school kids go to the elementaries to teach them leadership skills.

"They learn an awful lot. That was probably the highlight of my career," Adkins said.

Adkins will be missed by many of her co-workers and students.

Junior Tara Hoots said, "I really enjoyed having Ms. Adkins for a teacher. I was sorry to see her leave."

Adkins said that she'll miss the kids and the teachers the most. "I have a lot to accomplish as far as getting well. I'm also looking forward to traveling."

Adkins was presented a plaque from Dr. Donald Bivens, superintendent, for her services.

—Cristy Snellgrove
Pow Wow Assistant Editor

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•Reaching way over
the net, senior Steve
Batusic spikes the ball
down during an
intramural volleyball
game while senior
Louis Olivencia
watches.

S. Risinger

Alternative Activity

—Intramurals Offers an Alternative to High School Athletics

Wanted: Six foot four student athlete who is able to do it all. Must be able to bowl for a high average, dunk a basketball and spike a volleyball.

Does this sound like you? Chances are, most students are not that gifted. So, PHS offers it's students three intramural sports programs for the average sports participant. These students just come out to play, practice and most of all, just have a good time.

Sophomore Ryan Nystrom explains, "I took (Intramural) Basketball to get some practice and more importantly, to get my body in shape."

There are a variety of intramural sports offered, such as basketball, volleyball and even bowling. The games are usually played in the gyms at East or West and are either after school or on the weekend, except for bowling, which is played at Camelot Bowling Lanes. These sports also require the supervision of a faculty advisor since they are school sponsored.

Ms. Phyllis McVicker, freshman gym teacher, has been involved with the intramural volleyball program for the past four years. She became interested after she retired as the coach of the girls team: "I feel that it is a good opportunity for those who are not involved in a particular sport to have fun, meet new people, and just relax," she said.

Sophomore Tom Mitchell said, "I played (intramural) volleyball because I like it."

So for someone who likes sports, but are not physically capable or just do not thrive for the competition that goes with high school athletics, intramurals may be the best choice.

McVicker planned to continue with the intramural volleyball program. "I plan to continue until I'm either fired or retired, preferably the latter," McVicker added.

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A Different Kind of Disease

—Obsession with Appearing Perfect Can Cause Severe Depression

The idea that someone or something is perfect can be dangerous. Perfectionism is more than wanting good grades or doing good in a sport, it is an obsession with appearing perfect and attempting to make all involvements perfect. The perfectionist puts up a front, like wearing a mask to show the outside that they're 'fine' or 'great,' but on the inside they're really crying for help.

What exactly is perfectionism? Junior Cat Billick explained it as "holding the qualities of wanting absolutely nothing to be wrong and not accepting imperfections in other people or things."

Perfectionism can be developed through pressure from outside sources; however, fault from such behavior cannot be blamed on someone else. Psychologist Dr. Carl Moissoff said that some parents straightforwardly pressure perfectionism in sports or grades, but it is the child who ultimately accepts these expectations. Perfectionists set extremely high goals for themselves. Rarely are these goals accomplished, but the perfectionist will physically wear himself down trying to reach his goal. If a goal is somewhat attainable, the perfectionist feels they are superior and is most likely rejected by peers. Either case can create severe depression.

Mr. Jim Douglas, history teacher, said perfectionism is nothing more than an "egotistical road trip. Perfectionists tend to associate with people they think have downfalls, in order to make themselves feel better."

Can perfectionism be overcome? Junior Elmore Mundell said no. "When you've got it, you've got it. It's a disease," he added.

However, experts say that it is possible to overcome perfectionism. The key is realizing that you're hurting yourself and others. Robert Hjertquist, psychological technician at Vale Park Psychiatric Hospital said, "Overcoming perfectionism means balancing your outward behavioral traits with what's really on the inside."

The proverbial first step is realizing that there is a problem. The toughest part is realizing that the feelings on the inside and comparing them to what signals are being portrayed on the outside. In any case, it's important to remember, and accept, that everyone has limitations and no one is perfect.

—Vicki Fisher
Beginning Journalist



◆ Junior Dan Sullivan and seniors Fred Jamie and Joe Romero perform the song "Big Girls Don't Cry" by Frankie Valley and The Four Seasons as an encore presentation to their first place rendition of "Grease" from the movie with the same name.

◆ Sophomores Eddie Escalante and Freddie Castro give an intense performance of the song "Rump Shaker" by Wrex-n-Effect. Aside from performing in most of the on-stage presentations at the high school, they operate a DJ business.



As the school year began to close, students geared up for the annual Air Band competition.

Jennifer Mariani, junior, said, "The most exciting thing about Air Band was finally winning fourth place after three years of participation."

Air Band is a lip synch contest that is sponsored by the sophomore class. Students performed songs and were judged by the members of the audience.

Freshman John Hedges expressed his admiration for the participants of Air Band by saying, "It takes a lot of courage to get up on stage and make a total a-- out of yourself."

However, most students chose not to view the event in a negative fashion.

Heather Westercamp, sophomore, said, "I disliked waiting so long in the audience to find out which groups

won the contest, but other than that everything was great."

Air Band was not just a one night affair. In some cases, it was necessary for students to practice weeks in advance for the night of the performance.

Junior Dan Sullivan, whose group won first place for its performance of

Something Special



Seniors Heather Hegedus and Melissa Stits, as the music begins, become the women of En Vogue, dancing to and lip synching the song "Never Gonna Get It."

a song from the hit movie *Grease*, said, "My most memorable moments of Air Band were the many arguments that we had during our long practices."

Students felt that one of the most exciting parts of Air Band was the actual voting for the winners of the competition

on the night of the contest.

Freshman Kim Jakob said, "I voted for the guys in *Grease* because their routine was the best; cuteness was a factor too."

Sophomore Angela Back said, "I liked the whole variety of songs that was performed, but I voted for the girls in 'TLC' (juniors Jennifer Mariani, Melissa Tarin, and senior Celina Origel) because they danced and looked just like the group that they were trying to imitate."

From the En Vogue song "Giving Him Something He Can Feel," which was performed by a group of guys, to the Chicago Bears victory song "Superbowl Shuffle," which was performed by a group of girls, Air Band was a unique experience for both the audience and the participants.

-Gina Gesmond
-Sarah McEwan



Seniors Laura Alkire, Missy Miller, Tonya Summerfield, Joanna Hilzly and Jennifer Lynn perform their rendition of "Sandra Dee" from the motion picture *Grease*. Laura said, "It took us one day and two hours to memorize the whole routine. We had a lot of fun."

Love was in the air during Air Band as seniors Rob Gross and Derek Trinosky perform "I Got You, Babe" by Sonny and Cher. The duo won second place and performed "Why Won't They Let Us Fall in Love" for their encore number.



◆ Senior Chris Spear and junior Jennifer Fisher dance together at the 1992 Christmas Dance, "Winter Fantasy." The Christmas Dance is the most popular dance next to the Prom in May.

◆ Sophomores Jason Imes and Delora Medina pose for a picture after arriving at the dance while Assistant Principal Richard Kirchner looks on at the other couples in the commons. At many dances teachers and parents are asked to chaperone so that order may be kept.



When December rolled around and the weather of Portage began to look a little more like that of Christmas, students prepared with excitement for the semi-formal, "Winter Fantasy."

The annual Christmas dance proved again to be a success as over 300 couples attended. Some of the students went to the dance in order to spend a romantic evening with their dates while others came just to see their friends dressed in formal attire, but students agreed that the most popular reason for going to the dance was to have a good time.

Junior Danielle Robertson said, "I had fun at the dance with a lot of my friends, and I really enjoyed the evening."

Sophomore Chad Hoffman said, "For me, the Christmas Dance was cool, and I had a great time because of my friends and because I had the

opportunity to spend a lot of time with my date."

Before the dance began, the couples entertained themselves in various ways. Some couples went out to dinner while other couples took some pictures of their friends at home.

"We went out to dinner at Wingfield's, and it was

The Attractions of a

Winter Fantasy



Breaking away from the traditional moves, senior Steve Batusic feels the beat in a style that is all his own. The senior class had the most people at the dance and many enjoyed their last winter formal.

great. I think that going out before the dance added a lot to the rest of the evening," Chad said.

Another special aspect of the "Winter Fantasy" is that the dance was in both the North and South Cafeterias in order to give the couples more room to dance and in order to allow the photogra-

phers more room to work. This system seemed to work well and the Student Council planned on making these changes permanent.

Decorations also played a big part in the atmosphere of the dance.

Junior Danie Nobles said, "I thought they (the decorations) made the evening a much better time than it would have been without them. I especially liked the bridge at the entrance of the commons."

Junior Leslie Crockett said, "I didn't plan on going to the dance earlier in the year, but then I decided to and I'm really glad that I did. It was great."

As students floated into the commons across a bridge and over a river, the music played, they danced and a wonderful time was had by all.

-Gina Gesmond
-Sarah McEwan



Junior Niki Smutko smiles with her friends, sophomores Jeremy Loos, Matt Kniola, Tony Freeman and Courtney Warren while they take time out from dancing. At the winter formal, students are given the opportunity to converse while sitting at any of the various decorated tables in the South Cafeteria.

Senior Carol King walks down the hallway with her date, Eric Ramos, who graduated from PHS in 1992. Several alumni attended the dance with current students. Like the Prom, the Christmas Dance is important to many students and most want to share the magic of the evening with someone special.



Seniors Andy Baker, Chris Spear and Erich Squire perform the songs "Sympathy for the Devil" by the Rolling Stones during Act II of the Variety Show. The name of their band was *Spatula*.

Toward the end of the Variety Show senior Nicole Power captures the essence of music while she performs a medley of the songs "How am I Supposed to Live Without You" and "I Will Always Love You," which were made famous by Michael Bolton and Whitney Houston, respectively.



While the anticipation of Spring Break consumed the air, students looked forward to the chance to display their individuality in the annual Variety Show.

Twenty acts in all were seen at the show, and they ranged from singing to dancing to dialogues and musical performances.

As in years past, students felt that the Variety Show went well.

Freshman Joel Alderson said, "I think the Variety Show was cool. The chorus line with those guys dressed up like girls was really funny."

"I couldn't stop laughing after the last act. It was hilarious!" junior Ryan Fenters agreed.

While some students enjoyed the comedy routines, others enjoyed the skits.

"I think Mike Pavadakis really did seem mad. His face turned

Showing individuality at the



so red!" freshman Erica Fickle said.

"Brian Smolnicki did a really good job. I know I couldn't hop on one foot for that long," said Josie Wehowatz, sophomore.

Even though the comedy and skits were favorites, many students liked the change of pace with the



Sophomore Ryan Ritter accompanies sophomore Josh McCormick as he sings "Alive." Both are members of separate bands which have played concerts in Porter county.

vocal part of the variety show. "Josh McCormick and Ryan Ritter looked so funny, but it was too bad Josh's microphone wouldn't work," junior Katina O'Neal said.

"Nicole Power has the most awesome voice. She could sing the phone book, and make it sound good,"

sophomore Jaime Kawiecki said.

Singing wasn't the only musical performance that took place at the Variety Show. Many students liked the bands.

"I laughed so hard at the ex-boyfriends. I couldn't believe that Max Hutka's zipper was undone," senior Ryan Ashby said.

I think Sarver and the Killers were a really good band. I loved Jeremy Sarver's socks!" freshman Lisa Sutton said.

Besides comedy routines, skits, bands and vocal performances, some students chose to do dance routines which were liked by the students as well.

Act by act the show had to finish, and at the end of the night, spring fever was still high but so was the spirit of the students as they cheered.

-Sarah McEwan
-Gina Gesmond



The drummer for Sarver and the Killers, junior Jamie Miles, prepares himself for performance at the Variety Show by silently reviewing his part for the song "I Hear You Knockin'." Jamie has played the drums for several years and has been a member of both the symphonic and the jazz bands.

Jeremy Sarver of Sarver and the Killers holds his saxophone while resting on the stage before his performance of "Give Me Some Lovin'" at the Variety Show. Sarver often performs at various locations around Porter County with various bands. Jazz music is the most enjoyable to him.



J. Reber

During the summer a covered walkway was constructed between the East and West buildings. The walkway was designed to help students traveling between buildings when the weather conditions take a turn for the worse.

Replacing the roof was one of the major items that was completed before the end of the summer. When students came back to school, the West building had a new look and a new atmosphere.



Because of the wear and tear over the past several years, Portage High School was in great need of renovation, and over the summer, the construction began.

The West campus was the major area of construction. Wider lockers replaced the skinny ones, walls were built in the sub-schools and the finishing touches were added to the roof.

When students came back to school, the West campus had a whole new look. Some upperclassmen thought the construction wasn't necessary.

"Other students survived with the little lockers, so why change them?" Chris Melvin, senior, asked.

Katina O'Neal, junior, said, "I just wished that they would have done the construction when I was a freshman."

Also on the agenda was a covered walkway that extends between the East and West

buildings.

Many students agree the walkway was a waste of money.

"Snow and rain are going to blow in. I don't see the purpose of a walkway without walls. You might as well run with a coat over your head," Stacey Kral, junior, said.

Sophomore Ralph Nurse, agreed, "I don't like it. There aren't any

Changing the set with

Construction

S. Rosinger



When students came back to school, the numbers weren't on the lockers in the West building. Workers wrote numbers in markers for the first day.

walls, and they should have it extend to the buildings, not just in between the tennis courts."

New baseball fields were built behind the schools. Many students think that the fields will attract more fans.

Freshman Kelly Har said, "With more seats available I think more fans will come."

Ralph said, "The old fields weren't kept in good condition so new fields were needed."

Although some students thought some areas of construction was a waste of money, some students thought the construction makes the appearance of the school much better.

Kristi said, "With all of the work over the summer, the school looks a lot better."

Ian Pittman, freshman, agreed, "I think they, (the administration) are trying to make the school better for us because they put new lockers in and the new fields."

Over time, buildings tend to need construction, and now Portage High School has a new appearance and atmosphere.

-Sarah McEwan
-Gina Gesmond

J. Reber



T. Reid



Concession stands and restrooms were built along with the new baseball field. The total cost for this construction project was estimated at \$300,000.

Sophomore Dennis Osizlo walks through the tennis courts between classes. Many students had to use the tennis courts because the covered walkway wasn't completed until late November.



◆ Fanny Brice and Nick Arnstein, seniors Nicole Power and Chad Perdue, discuss their futures together at the train station. Both seniors spent numerous months practicing their lines before the opening night.

◆ Senior Tracy Banard alters a dress on senior Dan Vincent. This year PHS said many good-byes to seniors Nicole Power, Dan Vincent and Tracy Banard who were in numerous productions sponsored by the drama department.



Showing off their stuff in the

Musical

Though the finished product was something to see, the last few rehearsals were a little

stressful. Sophomore Dawn Bunker, one of the Zeigfeld Folies, said, "The hardest part of



Sophomore Holly Foreman applies make-up to freshman Kaimi Blaha before a performance. Many students worked backstage painting scenery, applying make-up and giving emotional support during the performances.

the whole thing was learning the music."

Wellman agreed, "At practices, everyone was in their own little group, the people with lines over here, the chorus over here, the set and tech people over there. It was hard, but I'm proud to say, we did it."

Perdue had a different opinion, "I wish the play was still going on. The hardest part for me was ending it and finishing it. You get so close to so many people, and with it being my last year here, it's just so hard to let go. The curtain call on Sunday was the most difficult part of the whole thing."

Saying good-bye will be sad. This year, many seniors will walk the stage for the very last time. Actress Tara Denk, singers Tracy Barnard and Chad Perdue, singer and dancer Dan Vincent and, of course, singer and actress Nicole Power.

-Katie Belcher



Junior Jennifer Mariani and sophomore Freddie Castro walk down the aisle during the wedding scene. Many underclassmen were chosen to be in chorus, where they spent numerous hours learning the songs and routines.

Senior Tracy Barnard expresses her opinion during a song during the first act in *Funny Girl* while sophomore Angel Kulis looks on. The drama department has been sponsoring musicals since the 1940's.



◆ Juniors Sean Enstrom and Aaron Marentes, along with sophomore Frank Essig and freshmen George Ferguson and Chris Huerta, enjoy the scenery as they tour through Spain. More than 20 students traveled to Spain, where they spent 10 days learning about Spanish culture.

◆ Although many students chose to travel to the South, seniors Jason Berman, Jeanie David, Lora Windshrimen and Chad Perdue spent their Spring Break at Red Rocks Amphitheater outside Denver, Colorado.



With the long-awaited arrival of summer around the corner, many students looked forward to Spring Break, a time when they can relax.

"Spring Break came just in time. I think everyone needed some time off," junior Katina O'Neal said.

Students who traveled to Florida were surprised to find snow on the beaches due to the storms that hit the coast.

"I was really looking forward to some hot Florida weather, but instead it was sort of on the cold side," senior Alan Johnston said.

For some students, Spain was on the agenda. Mrs. Kathryn Hites and Mrs. Lynn Huerta along with 23 students, traveled throughout Spain enjoying the Spanish culture.

"Spain was great. I learned a lot about Spanish life. Some of the gardens were beautiful!" junior Debbie Warren

said.

Even though Florida was one of the "hot spots" during Spring Break, some students traveled to different parts of the country.

Sophomore Ed Penkala said, "I was glad that I wasn't up here in the snow. The weather in Arkansas was great."

"In Texas it

The fun and relaxation of

Spring Break



Seniors Laura Alkire and Stacie Cook enjoy the warm beaches of Florida. Some students were stranded in different parts of the country due to the snow storms that hit the East coast.

rained almost every day, but at least the temperature was warm," freshman Lisa Sutton said.

Although some students traveled, many students spent Spring Break relaxing at home.

Sophomore Shana Doll said, "I spent Spring Break trying to get some long over due sleep."

Ryan Ashby senior said, "During Spring Break, I went to beautiful Woodland Park to shoot some hoops with some of my friends."

Just like all vacations, they eventually have to end. However, some students think that Spring Break was too short.

"I think Spring Break should be two weeks because if people are traveling, as soon as they get there, they have to leave," Ed said.

"Why can't Spring Break be in the end of April? The weather is so much nicer and I think students would like a break then, not in the end of March," Ryan said.

Sophomore Lisa McKay sums it up with, "This Spring Break went by too fast. It was great to sleep in for five days and to relax, but I think it should be at least two weeks so students will be ready to come back to school."

-Sarah McEwan
-Gina Gesmond



Seniors Jesse Hurtado and German foreign exchange student Stephen Stoitchev spend their Spring Break on jet skis in Florida. Many students chose to go to Florida to escape the cold weather.

Seniors Jayme Martin, Eric Swaney, Mike Pappas, Dan Jaworski and Chris Rogers spent their Break camping at Turkey Run State Park. No matter where students traveled over Spring Break, most spent it hanging out with friends.



 Prom Queen candidates seniors Laura Alkire, Stacie Cook, Erica Martinez and Amy Mattix congratulate senior Shelli Gibson for being named Prom Queen of "Tonight is Forever." Students attending the Prom voted during their lunch hours for the candidates of the Prom Court.

 Senior Kurt Adkins enjoys himself at the Prom by dancing while his date, sophomore Kim Nusbaum, looks on. Many students went to the Prom with dates who were either younger or older rather than attending with a student in the same grade.



As the school year drew to a close, the upper classmen anticipated the annual Prom.

The junior class sponsored, planned and put together the whole affair. The members of the Prom committee began to brainstorm for several ideas about the Prom even before Fall Homecoming had ended.

Junior Class President Danielle Robertson said, "I think we (the committee) must have started thinking about ideas so early because we wanted this final gift to the seniors to be so special."

The committee members decided on every aspect of the Prom. The colors were black, silver and teal, and the song was "In Your Eyes" by Peter Gabriel. "Tonight is Forever" was the theme of the Prom, and the committee struggled with this decision especially.

Prom committee member Heather Baugh said, "There were some meetings where I

didn't think that a decision would ever be made; we must have discussed the theme for at least three meetings without being fully happy with the decision we had made, but in the end, everything worked out great."

The students who attended the Prom felt that the junior class did a good job with the

Remember That

Tonight is Forever



Junior Dustin Simmons makes a face while dancing with friends at the Prom. Both juniors and seniors found that dancing at Prom made the evening fun.

preparation of the event.

"I think the Prom that we planned was a little better because we did it ourselves," senior Stacie Cook said, "but I had a truly wonderful time at Prom this year; I will never forget it."

Senior Erica Martinez said, "Prom was very cool. It was the last time that all of the seniors

could be together before graduation. I felt so happy at Prom, but I felt a little sad too because I will miss my friends and all of the memories we have shared together."

Prom was more than a one night event. The day after Prom, many students went to Great America.

Senior Joe Romero said, "I had a good time at Great America the next day, even though the weathermen said that it would rain, because it didn't; the sun was hot and the day was great. Just goes to show you what the weatherman knows."

Whether students travelled after Prom or decided to stay home, the memories of the evening would be remembered by all for years to come.

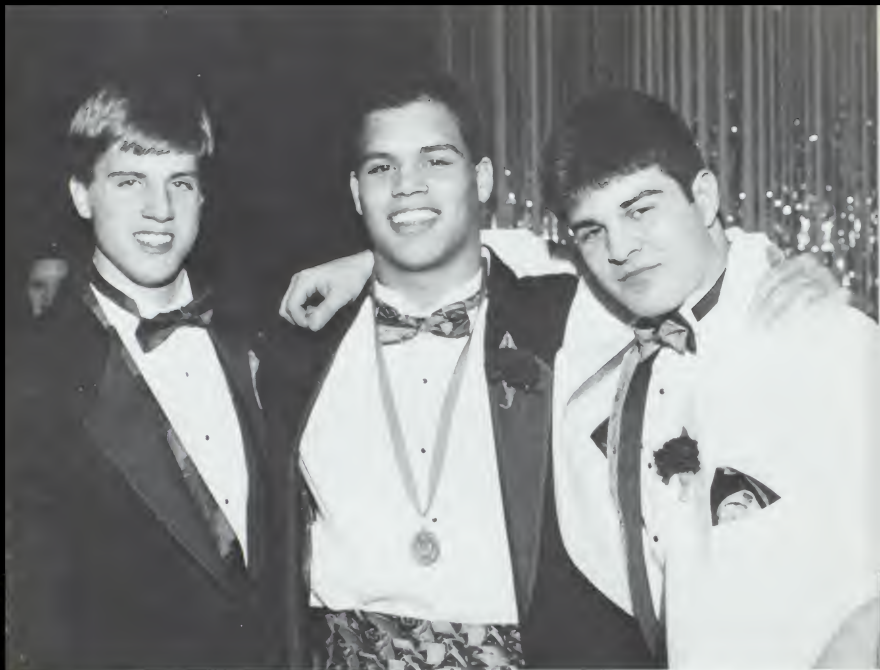
-Gina Gesmond

-Sarah McEwan



Juniors Erik Wiseman, Eric Strausbaugh, Joe Frazier, Ryan Fenters, Kurt Mattix, Tom Berger and Tony DeVries smile for a picture at the beginning of "Tonight is Forever." Professional group pictures, as well as couple pictures, were available at the Expo Center on Prom night.

Senior Laura Alkire and her date, PHS graduate Bernie Recio, slow dance at the Prom. Many students felt a certain magic in the air that night; senior class president Joe Romero said, "Prom was really happening."



As the competition concludes, seniors Mike Schoonover and Jay Gutierrez smile and congratulate friend Jacob Adams (center), also a senior, who was named the Outstanding Young Man of Portage for 1993-94.

Senior Tara Denk, the Young Woman of the Year for Portage in 1993, performs her award winning monologue from the play "Chapter II" by Neil Simon during the Outstanding Young Man competition. Tara also competed at the state level for Young Woman of the Year.



Along with the normal competition that students can experience in school academically, they are able to participate in contests of an extra-curricular nature.

Seventy eight seniors became involved in the two competitions that took place in the East auditorium.

The Young Woman of the Year pageant has been a part of Portage for 12 years while the Outstanding Young Man (OYM) competition has been in existence for two.

Senior Rachael Mahns said, "I had a lot of fun at the Young Woman of the Year pageant. I got to meet a lot of senior girls that I had never met before, and it was just something that I will always remember."

In each of the competitions, students vie for scholarship money. In the Young Woman of the year competition, Tara Denk was the overall winner

Seniors Learn Valuable Lessons with



while Jacob Adams, senior, was named the Outstanding Young Man.

The students in OYM were judged by a panel of judges for their academic performance in high school, physical fitness, and on both a casual and a formal type of clothing. During Young Woman of the Year, each of the 39



Senior Jackie Hazard embraces senior Chris Rogers as she presents him with one of the three academic achievement awards at the competition.

senior participants were judged on talent, grades, physical fitness and stage presence.

All students who chose to become involved in these competitions benefited in some way.

Senior John Arredondo said, "It was a lot of fun to be in the competition. I was able to know many more of the se-

nior guys than I had been able to in the past, and it was really wild and crazy."

Many students, after being involved in these competitions, felt that the experience would last a lifetime.

Senior Melissa Bunk said, "The competition was a new and exciting experience for me because I had never performed on stage before."

Senior Wes Minton, the first runner up, said, "Outstanding Young Man was a great experience which taught me a lot about myself and other people. It also provided me with the opportunity to share some of the things I've learned over the years. Mr. Stevens made the program an experience that will be remembered in my mind forever, and it proves that Portage High School truly has something to offer to everyone that cares to be involved."

-Gina Gesmond
-Sarah McEwan



Master of ceremonies Mr. Joe Stevens interviews senior Brian Smolnick while the judges deliberate about the overall winners of the competition. The impromptu questions are designed to relieve the nervousness and apprehension which may exist among the competitors.

Senior Young Woman of the Year finalist Holly Hostettler performs a self choreographed dance routine to the song "Total Eclipse of the Heart" during the Outstanding Young Man competition while the gentlemen are preparing for the formalwear segment of the evening. Holly has been taking lessons in dance for ten years.



◆ Seniors Joe Romero, Monica Martinez, Heather Hedstrom, Tom Manske and Nicole Power celebrate after receiving their diplomas. Both Hedstrom and Manske were valedictorians because of the close GPA's they earned during their respective high school careers.

◆ Senior Karly Melcher congratulates a fellow senior after they receive their diplomas. The graduation ceremony was in the gymnasium because of the weather conditions.



The members of the class of 1993 saw the light at the end of the tunnel and became graduates rather than seniors on June 4.

For many students, graduation was a time of reflection.

Senior Jason Collins said, "I'm going to miss sitting with all my friends and sharing a common ground with over 2,000 people."

Even though some students were happy that they were finally finished, some seniors said they were going to miss their high school days.

"I'm kinda happy and kinda sad. I'll miss all of my friends and teachers, but I've worked so hard to get out of school, I'm happy to go," senior Gurtie Fesko said.

"I'm so glad to be getting out, but I'm going to miss my friends. I'm also scared because I'm not ready for the real world," senior Gary Hicks

The icing on the top of the cake



said.

When it was time for the seniors to walk the final steps of their high school career, they were faced with heavy rain that made it impossible to have graduation outside. This was the first time in four years that graduation took place in the gymnasium.

Other changes in the



Senior David Roman celebrates after receiving his insert. When many students walk up to the stage to receive their diplomas, they are disappointed to find that they will receive their insert after the ceremony.

ceremony also took place for the Class of 1993. Heather Hedstrom and Tom Manske were co-validictorians of the class; this was a first for this type of situation. The two seniors each presented a speech to the class, followed by senior class president, Joe Romero.

Because of the Supreme

Court ruling in *Wiseman v. Lee*, senior Nicole Powers sang "You'll Never Walk Alone," replacing the prayer and invocation often heard at the ceremony.

Also, Dr. George McKay, assistant superintendent of secondary education, presented the Commencement Address instead of a member of the religious community.

Senior Jason Stepanovich was unable to attend the ceremony because of his participation in the State Cross Country meet in Indianapolis. Jason placed fourth.

As the raindrops fell, parents, friends and relatives gathered to watch the curtain close on another chapter of the seniors' lives.

-Sarah McEwan
-Gina Gesmond



Senior Nicole Power sings "You'll Never Walk Alone" instead of the traditional prayer before the ceremony. Prayer before graduation was a big controversy because of a new Supreme Court ruling against prayer at graduation.

Seniors John Arredondo and Scott Drake gather in the commons to congratulate their fellow alumni after receiving their inserts. The class of '93 donated two vases that will be used to decorate the offices.



For the past three years, the senior class has won the Fall Homecoming Pep Session because of people like Derek Falls and Dave Waechter who cheer their class to victory.

Senior Chris Rogers and junior Evette Sanchez collect money during the Valentines Dance on Feb. 11. Many students attended the dance wearing similar outfits as their friends.



From the first event of the school year to the final cheer of excitement at the graduation ceremony in June, school spirit ran high at Portage High School.

Many students think the pep session and bonfire before the Fall Homecoming football game is one of the best spirit lifters of the year.

Ryan Ashby, senior, said, "Everyone is so excited at the pep session, and when you are in front of the crowd, you don't want to let them down, so you yell a lot more."

Sophomore Lisa McKay agrees, "Everyone is so excited about cheering for our football team. It is great!"

Every year, during the week of Fall and Winter Homecoming, students dress according to each spirit day. Some of the days this year included college day, summer day, dress up day,

class color day, which is when members of each class wear a specific color, and the tradi-

tional red and white day on Friday.

Aside from Fall and Winter



Brandy Graham, sophomore, cheers for the football team during one of the football games. Cheerleaders, Pom Pons, and Indianettes spend numerous hours after school practicing their routines for games and competitions.

The events of

School Spirit

Homecoming, there are other ways to have school spirit. Some students attended dances or participated in organizational fund raisers. The unique aspect of school spirit is that it exists for everyone.

Although many students think that school spirit was high, there is always room for improvement.

Ryan said, "I wish the administration would be more lenient on the way students cheer at basketball games. The rule about standing up for ten seconds while cheering our teams on is really unnecessary."

The expression of school spirit changed as the years have unfolded, but the motivation behind the actions of the students remain the same; a respect for themselves and for the school they attend promises to keep school spirit a lasting part of high school tradition.

-Sarah McEwan

-Gina Gesmond



Freshman Aaron Galindo and senior Tammy Scott dressed up for the Halloween dance on Oct. 28. Many students chose to dress up for the dance to put some "spirit" in the air.

Custodians Myra Andrich, Pat Burger, Sharron Crisman and Max Smith show their spirit by cleaning up after the Fall Homecoming Pep Session.

Class projects make the school year a little more special and a little more interesting

he thought of coming to school and sitting through class after school does not seem very appetizing to most students. We would get bored and hate school even more. Teachers have learned to use projects to

day. Mr. Yan Wolfman has his Physics II class build robots

pected to perform special tasks such as picking up objects

an obstacle course. Students taking Child Development have the fun job of teaching children.

to be-

Chris-

Bond's government class both held

of the semester. Each student plays a

unique aspects in the trial process. Projects make the school year special. We will

remember how weird it was to be hypnotized or the little child that we fell in love with. Each

year the projects are a little different because of the students taking part.



Junior Cary Gelfredo injects a gasospectrometer with unknown alcohol as sophomore Brian Thorn and junior Greg Wasceski watch. The Chem-Mobile made a special trip to PHS.



Power-tech, a new class taught by new teacher Mr. John Kappes, prepares to race their attractive cars to show forms of land transportation.



Mr. David Masti makes a special attempt to answer a question. Sophomore Jill Malcolm asks how to conjugate a French sentence.

sociology class and Mr. Dennis

seperate mock trials at the end

different role in order to learn

Making foreign foods is one of the many special activities foreign language students do. Rich Furnish, sophomore, measures out flour as an ingredient for making a pretzel.

superbowl

VI

Devotion to intense studying in certain subjects, getting along with others and appreciating the hours of time the instructors spend with the members are some of the things the Academic Superbowl Team is made of.

Peter Frick, junior, who's involved in Social Studies, Science and All Around, said, "Once the Superbowl Board gives us the outline on the subjects to study, we get ready for competition. During competition, three people look over 24 questions that are to be answered. The team has fifteen seconds to talk about the answer and buzz in."

Many factors involve the students during these Academic competitions, such as, being prepared enough to answer at least one question and being a good sport after a defeat. Feelings of victory are exhilarating because the awards are pre-

sented and all of the hours staying up at night studying and drinking coffee has paid off, at least until the next competition.

Heather Hedstrom, senior, who's in English and Fine Arts, said, "We receive ribbons at the Duneland Academic Conference and at the State Conference we win trophies. Winning any type of award would please me because that shows the other people we worked hard for it."

Challenges await these mem-

bers in a variety of places where they answer difficult questions then go home as winners or losers.

Pedro Claudio, junior, who's in Math, Science and All Around, said, "The events that took place this year were the Spellbowl, both Regional and Duneland Conferences took place in Portage. Then the Academic Duneland Decathlon was at LaPorte and the Regional took place at Kankakee Valley."

Awards, accomplishments and goals are some of the exciting things that happened to these members.

For example, Maria Pena, junior, who's in Social Studies, replied, "The Decathlon Competition consists of the regular events plus Interview, Speech

and Super Quiz. Interview was nerve-racking but I won first place."

Members on this team will always remember the Academic Superbowl Team because of the new friends they met, all the hours of help the instructors gave, feelings of frustration, delight, depression from a loss and the understanding of what they learn in school will be of advantage later on in their lives.

-Kerry Kubeck

During a competition at Valparaiso High School, Heather Hedstrom, senior, Sheila Lynch and Jaime Rhodus, both juniors, look over the questions.

M. Washburn



M. Washburn





Members on this team, Peter Frick, Jake Westforth, and Pedro Claudio, all juniors, read over their list of questions and discuss the answers amongst themselves.

During a Valparaiso High School competition, Heather Hedstrom, senior, Sheila Lynch and Jaime Rhodus, both juniors, stand anxiously at the podium to receive their awards.

M. Washburn



M. Washburn

Ms. Dorothy Kurtz answers some questions during an Academic Decathlon meeting from Dan Lomax, freshman, and Bruce Selvage, junior, which pertained to their next competition.

Once members of this team arrive at their destination, they get ready for competition. Bruce Selvage, junior, and a Valparaiso High School student, show mental calmness while they write down their answers to the questions on the screen.

new FACES

The first day at a new school is hard enough for students. Imagine how it is for a teacher.

For some, it is their first teaching job. This is the case for Mr. John Kappes, industrial technologies teacher, "I student taught and subbed last year, although it seems I've been doing this for longer than I really have."

Mrs. Jane Larson, business teacher compares PHS to other schools she's taught at, "The school is bigger and the class sizes are bigger. The administration is more concerned about the kids. Everyone seems to care about each other."

Ms. Sylvia Mora, Spanish teacher, said, "Students are students everywhere. There are really no differences. But for the most part, the students are very enthusiastic and interested."

Being a teacher is sometimes a life-long dream. Mrs. Linda Lemond, English teacher, said, "I've always wanted to be a teacher. I've had other jobs. I was a freelance artist, freelance writer and did volunteer work, but this is what I always wanted to do with my life."

Ms. Tina Van Gundy, LRE teacher, said, "I don't think I have ever wanted to be anything else. I love my job now and I wouldn't want to teach anything but Special Ed."

It took a little longer for

Kappes to make the decision. "It (teaching) wasn't always my goal. I was into track at Ball State and I knew I wouldn't be a star. I liked coaching, but in order to be a coach, you must teach, so I became a teacher."

Mr. John Harsha, science teacher, said, "I've never wanted to be anything else. It's been rewarding. The student that looks at you with a blank stare and then starts to learn things is the best."

The first day on a new job anywhere usually gets one's nerves going.

Mr. Rob Prellwitz, PreVocational Education teacher, said, "I definitely feel welcomed by teachers and students. Everybody has been legitimately

friendly. Nobody's faking it."

Kappes was also no exception to the first day jitters, "I was concerned about being accepted, but everyone has treated me great."

Lemond said, "There's a warm spot in my heart for Portage. I applied to all different schools, but when Portage had the opening, that was the one I wanted."

—Brian Graves & Melissa Mahoney

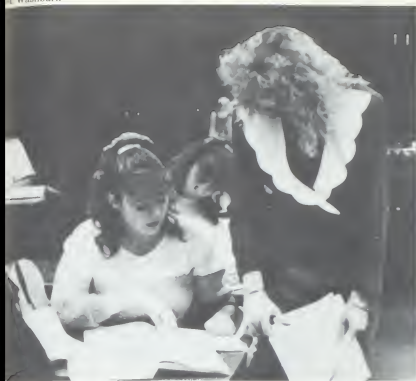
New English teacher, Ms. Linda Lemond, helps sophomore Jenny Hunter with an assignment while sophomore Shannon Conner takes a break.



M. Washburn



T. Reid



Senior Gary Hicks concentrates on a math problem as Mr. Rob Prellwitz, pre-vocational education teacher, stands aside for assistance.

Jamie Frederick, junior, asks Mrs. Jane Larson, business teacher, for assistance with her assignment.

M. Washburn



M. Washburn

Spanish teacher, Ms. Sylvia Mora, listens along to a Spanish tape. The tapes help students pronounce foreign words.

Industrial technology teacher, Mr. John Kappes, looks on as sophomore Mike Imhoff performs a project on air and floating.

brain

POWER

Intelligence, extra effort and hard work. All these were needed to be in an honors class or cadet teaching. Both of these classes were unique in many ways. Honors classes moved at a much faster pace than regular classes and gave students more of a push to do better. Cadet teaching required the students to leave PHS for two modules and go to the schools to learn what teaching is all about.

Students that were enrolled in honors classes were required to have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0. They also must have scored in the 80th percentile on the ISTEP test as a freshman or a junior.

"Honors classes make me feel superior to my fellow classmates because I know I'm smarter than people in regular classes," junior Jim McMurray said.

Senior Mike Snitchler thinks these classes move a lot faster than other classes.

"I would recommend these classes because they are challenging," junior Dan Stamper said.

The requirements for cadet teaching were that the student must have been a college bound junior or senior. They also should have had some experience working with children, whether it be with the Boys Club, Girls or Boys Scouts or baby-sitting. Cadet

teaching is a two hour class, this year it was during 3rd and 4/5th hour. The student stayed for attendance and then left for the schools that help participate in this program.

"This class helps me find out if there is an interest in a teaching career ahead of me. I want to become an elementary teacher," senior Vickie DeJohn said.

Senior Ryan Ashby said, "This class definitely helps me prepare

for the future because if you are going to be a teacher you have to be sure you will like working with the kids. I like this class probably because I get to see the kids do better."

DeJohn also said, "I feel cadet teaching is a

great experience and I like being involved with kids. Being a cadet (teacher) has helped me make up my mind of what my future is going to be like. Learning the different reactions of children is quite amusing. I enjoy being a cadet for Mrs. Stewart and I'm glad I took this course."

The students took these classes to learn a lot of good skills that they could use in the future. Honors and Cadet teaching classes were for college bound students to help prepare them for college enrollment.

-Shelley Djurich

Courtney Perkins, junior, stretches to turn on the battery of a her almost completed robot. Books were put on the robots to test how much weight the robots could move with.



J.Reber





E. Smith



Constructing a box for Valentine cards, senior Amy Doepping assists a fourth grade Central student during her Cadet teaching class.

Constructing a paper project, senior Vickie DeJohn works with a student in her cadet teaching class.

J. Reber



Melissa Stitts and Missy Miller, seniors, intently study the novel *Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton. The novel was required for World Lit.

T. Reid

Junior Danie Nobles intelligently questions Mr. James Douglas about one of his theories in a honors history class.

facts equal FIGURES

Tech Prep is a program that enables students of all kinds to develop group working skills. Tech Prep is mostly directed toward students that are not planning to go to college or working toward a vocational degree.

Tech Prep was developed by the Center for Occupational Research & Development. Many teachers find this new Tech Prep exciting.

"I was very excited when I first heard about Tech Prep. I thought it was a wonderful program because it's a good idea."

Mrs. Laurie Smock, Math Tech Prep teacher, explained.

Mrs. Clara Clark, a math teacher said, "It's a great idea and I love teaching it."

"I was skeptical at first, but the students handled it very well and I plan on working with it for a long time," Mrs. Smock said.

Students have explained that it helps them learn better and learn information a lot easier. "It also helps bring up your grades too," sophomore Kristy Prashchak stated.

Julie Bailey, sophomore, said, "I like to usually do my work on my own, but there are also some things you could use help on and Tech Prep may help some of the students."

"It's a good program and you get to know people in your class," said sophomore Tobie Hensley.

Sophomore Stephanie Gonzalez said, "It's pretty cool. It makes class a lot easier and Tech Prep makes it easier to get good grades."

"In my opinion Tech Prep gives you a chance to get to know your classmates much better," Deanna Hannon, junior, said.

Most students and teachers seem to enjoy the new program, but can it really help the students?

Mr. Richard Mason, science teacher, said "It helps all kinds of students, even those students who are average or below average."

"It's good for the average student or

those in vocational class or not planning on getting a four year degree," Mrs. Smock added.

Mrs. Clark said, "I really think that it will help average students for a good future."

Even though some teachers were skeptical about the idea, it seems to be a great addition to the curriculum for PHS.

-- Amanda Falck and Jennifer Lorange

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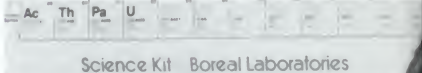
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UNQUOTE

Precise incision and a steady hand is what it takes to dissect a pig fetus. Senior Matt Mundell utilizes his skills as junior Natalie Crowder gives instructions.



T. Reid



Science Kit Boreal Laboratories



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With a look of determination on her face, senior Karly Melcher hooks a battery up to her Physics 2 Project. Assisting Karly in her building of a robot is her teacher, Mr. Yon Wolfman.

M. Washburn

Coming in 1st place in the annual Calculator contest, juniors Pedro Claudio, Dan Weeks and Holly Miles stand behind Principal Forrest Rhode. The team competed at the 12 annual NICTM Calculator at IUN.



M. Washburn

With students watching intently, Mr. Yon Wolfman works a complicated Physics problem. The Physics class is offered as a mix of both Chemistry and Math.

Working in the lab, sophomore Ryan Nystrom and junior Quinton Shorter, hold up the results of their experiment. The two are members of the Chemistry is Fun team, which puts on show for the younger kids in the Portage area.

foreign AFFAIRS

¡Hola! Bon Jour. Guten Tag. Salve! These all might sound strange, but those of you who have taken one of the languages PHS offers knows they all mean hello. They all are one of many words that students will learn in a foreign language. PHS offers a variety of languages such as French, Latin, not to mention the very popular Spanish.

There are also more challenging classes for those who wish to continue with the learning of the language.

The classes, **Culture Classes**, teach you the foreign language with some background of the customs and traditions of that land. An individual might take a different language for any number of different reasons.

Sophomore Aaron Reynolds, who is in Spanish offers this explanation, "I took a foreign language because I thought that I would have a fun time in the class. I thought it would be a neat experience."

Brian Emery, junior, took German because, "...it would be helpful for college and if I learned enough of it then I could test out of it for college credits."

Junior Steve Cunningham took Spanish for college also.

For some people, the closest they will ever get to crossing a border of a foreign country is to

learn the language. Taking a foreign language has its definite advantages. You can save the experience of getting sick and a \$1,200 plane ticket. Furthermore, the knowledge you learn will surely come in handy if you ever travel outside the U.S. Many people also want the challenge that foreign languages provide.

Karly Melcher, senior, who is taking both French and Chinese states, "I took French because it sounded interesting

and I really liked the teacher (Mr. Masty)."

Margaret Lowell, senior, said, "I hope to learn skills that someday I may travel to France."

Senior Jeff Miller took Chinese to, "...get a better understanding of other cultures and beliefs and the

world in general."

So whether you are just looking for a change of pace, or really like the language, foreign language is a group of classes that are really prospering here at PHS.

Senior Jeannie Marie David took Latin because, "...I was hoping to be a lawyer and someone suggested taking Latin. Once I met Mr. Schott, I realized taking Latin would be fun as well as educational."

—Richard Cap

QUOTE

"If I ever go to China I want to know how to say 'Where is the bathroom?'" Jeff Miller, senior, said.

UNQUOTE

Concentrating on interpreting workbook exercises from English to Chinese, junior Angie Lewandowski completes an assignment in class.



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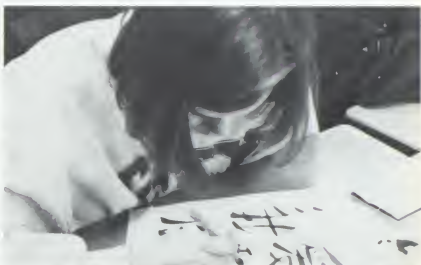


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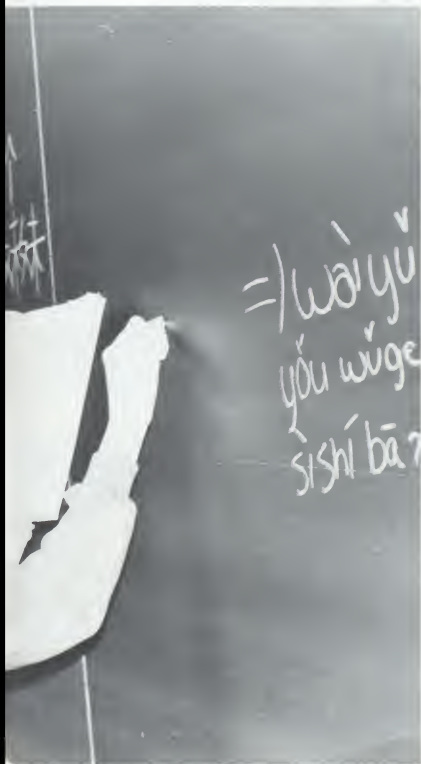


Sampling the French soup Bouillabaise, junior Elmore Mundel pours some into his bowl. The French classes have many ethnic parties throughout the year.

Mrs. Kathryn Hites explains a new chapter as second year Spanish student junior Susan Dravet listens.



M. Washburn



S. Risinger

Using a calligraphy pen, senior Carrie Bauer uses a steady hand to practice her Chinese characters.

Freshman Richard Tarin follows along in his book as he repeats the new Spanish words.

getting HUNGRY?

"Attention class! Please take out your recipe sheet and follow along as I read over it. Also, remember to measure the ingredients precisely before you begin cooking."

Many students need motivation to sign up for a foods class because some consider these classes "sissyish."

For example, Jennifer Smith, senior, said, "My motivation is to learn how to live independently and make it on my own once I graduate."

However, Terri Balash, senior, said, "I'm motivated by learning the basics of cooking so I won't starve when I move out and the fact that restaurants are expensive."

Acquiring key cooking tips, responsibility and survival may be some qualities students will get out of these types of classes.

For instance, Kari Cochran, senior, said, "I'll get educated on certain products, how to cook, and several other things people do in every day life."

Kristie Hill, senior, said, "I've learned how to cook different kinds of foods, such as homemade ice cream. We also receive practical information to use once we graduate."

There are many things students may like and dislike about being in a cooking class.

Alex Carey, senior, said, "I

like the edibles we prepare and what I dislike are the worksheets."

Amanda Mazur, senior, said, "I love making the food because it's free and I don't like washing the dishes when it's my turn."

Students may have different opinions on how they'd describe these courses.

Shelli Coffman, senior, said, "It's interesting when we cook just as just as long we don't argue with our classmates."

All kinds of elements can

make a class worth-while or a waste of time.

Mrs. Jill Green, foods instructor, said, "I think this class is fun for the students because they get to choose the foods they'd like to cook."

QUOTE

"The fun part is the cooking but the old, 1970 film strips are very boring," said senior Jaime Osika.

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Stephen Roberson, junior, said, "I think cooking class is fun because I can be able to cook at home for my mom without a problem."

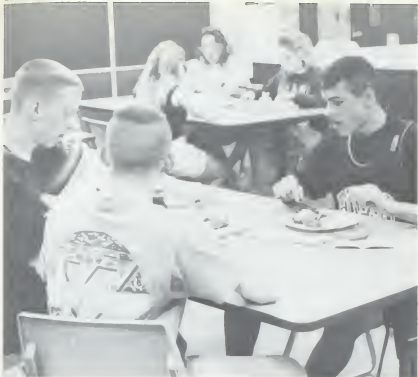
Jaime Osika, senior, said, "The fun part is cooking but the old, 1970 film strips are very boring."

While students finish devouring their snack, others clean up their work area and thank the teacher for giving out another great procedure.

-Kerry Kubeck

Freshman Missy Fekete and junior Theresa Balboa prepare a fine cuisine of chicken in their home economics class.

S. Risinger



Senior Steven Batista holds the spoon of the gourmet edibles he and junior Crystal Miltenberger are fighting over to taste first.

Junior Stephen Roberson and sophomores Jason Ines and Jason Bencovich taste test the chicken they finished frying.

M. Trader



S. Rasinger

Exchange student from Sweden junior Maria Johanson, stirs her shrimp before eating it.

After slaving over the ice cream maker to make an afternoon snack, seniors Amanda Mauzer and Alex Carey take a break.

Training for the Part P. E.

Students need 41 credits to graduate from Portage High School, four of these credits come from physical education. Students are required to have two years of gym and nine weeks of swimming before they may graduate. Physical education is designed to teach students how to stay in shape. Students are taught to stretch properly so that they do not cause a back injury or a pulled tendon. In the class students are also taught basic rules on how to play some sports

such as football, volleyball and basketball.

"It's a good idea to have two years of gym," freshman Eric Mason said. He continued saying that gym teaches students elements they will need in the future such as swimming. Another element students might

learn in gym that may help them in the future is good sportsmanship. Students learn to work together as a team and try harder instead of quitting.

"It can give you a good attitude towards things," sophomore Mike Imhof said.

Physical education is a class where the students can put their pens and pencils down and learn in a fun way. "Gym breaks up the day," senior Jeff Bull said.

After sitting in a classroom, students tend to get a little tired. Gym is a class which the students are able to be active so that the students might be more alert for their next class.

The students are given a choice among several classes in gym.

The classes range from volleyball and swimming to weights and other classes. The students can choose a class that they would enjoy. The students being able to choose their class

causes more interest in the class which in turn, the student would be more apt to get a passing grade.

If a student plans to further their physical education, there are

other classes they can take. PHS also provides basketball and volleyball officiating. Lifeguarding and strength training are some other classes offered to students.

Whatever field a student plans to go into, no matter if its an athletic, health or even a business field, students can use what they've learned in gym.

- Bryan Bush

Sophomore Kara Kitchell conditions on the balance beam in Mrs. Caren Prow's third hour gymnastics class.

M. Trader





S. Risinger

Freshman Anna Klumpeswims breast-stroke in Ms. June Shiozaki's swim class. Anna helped teach LRE students to swim during third hour.

Tanya Tucker, freshman, strains to do another leg lift in gym class. Freshman gym class is a requirement to graduate.

L. Bain



L. Bain

Michelle Olevincia, sophomore, scales on the balance beam while sophomore Kara Kitchell spots her.

Junior Thom Luellman takes a shot as Mike Foltz, junior, attempts to block it. Junior John Harrold prepares to get the rebound.

working the spotlight

Vocation

Imagine yourself building a house or working on an automobile, on your way to obtaining your occupational dream while still in high school.

For some students this is not just some scenery. These students have enrolled in a vocational program, a program which provides students with a hands-on experience in their chosen field.

"The vocational program teaches you a little of everything in your field," said senior Matt Ellman.

The PHS vocational program consists of auto and diesel mechanics, building trades, nursing, printing and intensive officelab. These classes are located at the Porter County Career Center, Valparaiso High School and here at PHS. They consist of three hour sessions and count as three separate credits. They also account for real world experience while the student is still active in the high school environment.

The Intensive Office Lab, is taught here at PHS, has its student working in an office for four weeks. Mrs. Lori Pavell, who teaches the IOL explains, "They (the students) job-shadow for four weeks, which means instead of coming

to class during ninth and tenth hour, they are out working an office job in the community."

The Printing program, located at PHS West, teaches its student the basic principles of printing. These students print all the information that is sent home from PHS and also produce a paper for the Washington Township area. Mr. Martin Troglio, who teaches the printing class states, "We teach the whole trade."

Besides the experience that accompanies the vocational program, others have more important reasons for participating.

Dan Rosairo, junior, said, "I'm glad I enrolled in the Business Ownership Lab. I'm learning important

business skills for my future."

While junior Jason Rogers states, "I am planning to go to college to become an Electrical Engineer."

Whether you plan to attend college, or just acquire on-the-job training the PHS vocational program maybe your stepping stone into the future of today's high tech society.

- Rich Cap

Seniors Jeremy Verbich and Scott McConnell lubricate a pulley under a car during their automotive vocational class. The automotive vocational class is at Willowcreek Middle School during the first three hours of the school day.

S. Risinger





Working far from the classroom, seniors Bryan Beyster and junior Bill Jump place siding on one of the housing projects.

Changing the oil in a car, senior David Motisinger, watches with interest. Changing the oil is just one of the many things that automotive students do.

S. Risinger



M. Washburn

Senior Jason Kennedy stains some wood for his home building project in the Building Trades class. The Buildings Trades Vocational students build new homes in the greater Portage area.

Vocational printing instructor Mr. Martin Troglia shows sophomores Justin Illyes and Jeremy Woodall how to make paper plates.

Field STUDY

Learning is not just in the classroom anymore. This year many teachers took their students on different field trips.

Mr. Henry Looft, chemistry teacher, took his chem-com classes to Portage Sewer Department to teach his students how to clean waste water.

Mike Davenport, sophomore, said, "The plant was boring and totally meaningless. The only good part was that we got to miss school for a little while."

Senior Jen Gaboian said, "The smell was awful, but at least we got to get away from the classroom for awhile."

Ms. Tina Van Gundy took her LRE (Least Restrictive Environment) students on an overnight field trip to Indiana University in Bloomington.

"We learned how other people teach LRE students and we all were taught how to keep our patience and how to get our LRE students to listen better while still being nice about it," junior Erica Moats said.

Mr. Ron Hancock, Student Council sponsor and teacher, took Student Council on many trips throughout the year.

Junior Evette Sanchez said about a particular trip to Omaha, Nebraska, "We had several different mini-sessions such as 'The Secret to Success,'

'Save Our Environment' and 'How to Become a Strong Leader.' It all makes you realize what's going on in the world and how you can help to make a difference."

Mr. Joseph Koss, photography teacher, took his photography classes on a field trip to the Dunes State Park.

Some field trips went a little farther than Chicago or Indiana. Mrs. Lynne Huerta and Mrs. Kathryn Hites, both Spanish teachers, took a few of their

students on an trip to Spain during Spring Break.

The publications department also went on a field trip to Media Meritthon in Indianapolis with their adviser Ms. Susanna E. Chappell.

Senior Jenny Parker, advertising sales manager for the Pow Wow, said, "I got to spend time with people that I enjoy being with. I also learned some skills that I might not ever use again in my life."

Field trips are a different way for students to learn hands on experience in places outside the classroom. There are many subjects that are taught and offered at school and the many field trips make it interesting to learn.

- Brian Graves

Seniors Erica Martinez, Shannon Pierce and sophomore Justin Posavac look on as they are taken on a tour through the Portage Sewer Department. The field trip was taken to teach the students how the city recycles water.

E. Smith



E. Smith



Junior Christa Wasilewski poses during a break taken by her group during the photography class field trip to the Indiana National Lakeshore. The photography classes go to the lakeshore every year during the fall.

Juniors Gina Gesmond, Nikki Anderson, and seniors Erica Smith and Dave Jennings get twisted during a friendly game of Twister. The students were on a Publications Department trip to Media Merit-Thon. D. Jennings



Students look on as the owner of the Twin Rocker Handmade Paper Company demonstrates the paper making process. The demo was a field trip for the Gifted and Talented Art Group.

S. Risinger

Sophomore Tessa Balck performs an interesting chemical experiment during Chem Day at the Museum of Science and Industry. Students from Mrs. Patricia Strawbridge's Science class represented PH S at this annual event.

learning for the FUTURE

"We are here to learn the necessary skills for life on our own in this world. We should make the best of it," John Shaw, junior, said.

For years, PHS has offered government classes as one of the courses in the social studies department. Government class was given to provide students with a basic knowledge of the government, how it operates and the guidelines government agents follow.

"Mr. Bond's government class is pretty cool," John Shaw, junior, said. "We learn what rights we have as individuals."

"We have good discussions about what we learn in class," Carrie Shay, senior, said. "It [government class] helps when you watch all those government hearings and stuff on T.V.," senior Carrie Shay said.

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"We have good discussions about what we learn in class," Carrie Shay, senior, said. "It [government class] helps when you watch all those government hearings and stuff on T.V. You really start to understand the government."

Economics class is also required for seniors in the social studies department. Economics was a class that gives students basic knowledge on financial issues such as paying taxes. "Mr. Lasky is a good econ. teacher. He never thinks he's above the students. He has good discussions with his students. Even today, we were supposed to have a representative from one of the major firms come and tell us about what he goes through financially and the guidelines he is expected to ad-

here to," Michael Didelot, senior, said.

Portage High School also offers law classes to its students. The law classes are not required, but are designed to give students a general idea of the laws that the citizens of the U.S. act under, and an idea of what right the citizens have and how these laws and rights are enforced.

"If you are going to have a career in law and law practice," junior John Wood said, "then business law is the best class to take."

Jaime Likovich, junior, said, "The greatest thing about the class business law is that you think you know all the laws and stuff, but you really don't, and Mrs. Slankowski is great about that.

She helps us get into it, and really helps us understand this stuff. She doesn't treat us like we are morons or anything. She's just really great about it."

"Government and economy classes are required classes and they should be," Michael continued. "This is the stuff we are really going to need when we get out of school and live on our own. Without this stuff, you can't really lead a good life on your own or have a good job.

-Phil Grigalanz

G overnment teacher Mr. Ralph Mundt answers a question while teaching with the overhead projector. Government was a required senior class.



M. Trader



T. Reid



Pondering a Government assignment, Jamie Deiotte, senior, works in Mr. Jerry Lasky's Economics class. Economics was a requirement for seniors.

Writing directions for the school map directory is Tonia Highlands, senior. C.O.I.L. was an alternative Economics class that filled the requirement.

J. Gaboian



D. Jennings

Seniors Susan Wells and Scott Drake listen to Mr. Mike Lemond's advice at a C.O.I.L. meeting. C.O.I.L. students were required to meet with the board the third Wednesday of each month.

Linda Fierro, senior, waits for senior Tracy Barnard's next question during an interview for the prosecution. Students in Mr. Dennis Bond's government class participated in a mock trial.

mandatory SHOWS

Unbelievable as it may sound, PHS offers classes where students can sample new foods, put on skits, research careers and hear about strange diseases and their cures.

"I like speech because I always learn something cool," Andrea Kirish, junior, said. "Once I even gave a speech on head shrinking. I don't think the teacher liked it too well!"

Besides the interesting topics, speech classes were popular for other reasons. "I like the open, friendly atmosphere Mr. Bodnar's classes have," Kurt Scheller, sophomore, said.

Sophomore Dan Shirley agreed. "Intro to Drama is a relaxed class. That makes it easier to talk in front of people."

However, even if they were fun, speech classes serve a useful purpose. Craig

Heldt, sophomore, said, "Speech is a good way to learn public speaking. Everyone must learn that so they do not look like idiots when they apply for a job."

"I'll be able to use the skills that I learned in my speech class when I go for interviews later on," Nikki Maul, junior, said.

Yet, there was some controversy over whether or not the class should be required. Sophomore Matt Brown said, "It shouldn't be because there are people who do not take it seriously and slow down the class."

Mr. Dennis Norman, speech

teacher, argued that speech should be required for many reasons. "Not only does the class prepare students to face crowds, it helps them think on their feet and feel good about themselves. It shows them that they have good ideas," he said.

Health was another required class that offered a break from typical classes.

"I really liked the class discussions," Crystal Frizzell, junior, said. "It made me aware of the harmful things around me."

Jaime Kawiecki, sophomore, said, "It should be required because everyone needs to know what is good or bad for their body."

David Little, sophomore, agreed. "I learned a

lot about AIDS and the body that I never knew before. It was interesting how much Mr. Merrill knew."

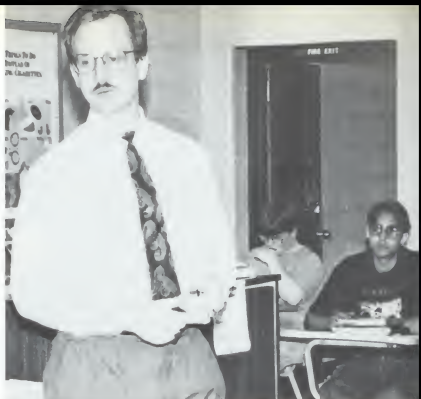
Maegan Sedan, sophomore, was glad that health class was required, "Just in case anybody gets hurt I'll know what to do 'cause of taking health my sophomore year."

Whether students enjoyed health and speech or not, they remained a required part of the school's curriculum.

-Jenny Kelly

Toni Freeman, sophomore, makes a sock into a hand puppet to perform his rendition of what a commercial should be in Mr. Dennis Norman's fundamentals of speech class.

T.Reid



S. Risinger





Junior Jaime Rodriguez listens attentively to Mr. Dan Merrill give tips on good health habits. Many community service workers lectured and demonstrated the effects of drinking and driving to students.

Sharing answers to a worksheet on health are juniors Dan Sullivan and Sophomore Ann Stiles. Julie Bailey, Jason Ash and Tina Shaw, all sophomores, work alone.

T. Reid



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Mike Jaso, sophomore, casually walks through the door as a gang member while doing his speech.

Advertising his product, senior Carlos Perez displays his drink box to the class.

featured ARTISTS

Art just isn't for the Leonardo DiVincis or Pablo Picassos of today. Students just have to be creative, hard-working and willing to try new imaginative things.

There are many reasons students like art. Angela Beason, sophomore, said, "I like art because it's fun, interesting and different. No two pieces are the same."

Senior Pat Donelson said, "Art is a great way for student self expression."

Rabia Javed, sophomore, agrees, "I enjoy art because it is a really good way to express your feelings in a creative way and to have fun in your spare time."

Sophomore Melissa Chavas, said, "Art is a fun pastime that anyone can do as long as they have patience, creativity and determination to work hard."

Kate Crum, sophomore, said, "The different types of art that I enjoy are painting and photography. It's not something I want to do as a career, but it's fun as a pastime."

Art is not just a drawing on paper or a painting on a canvas like some students believe it to be. Many other things can be classified as art. Basically, just doing anything creative, imaginative and with feeling is art.

"I am taking Jewelry I this

year because I like jewelry and I really want to learn how to make it. Already we have made bracelets and necklaces, and we are making rings right now. It's hard because we have to carve a mold for the ring out of wax. I've broken several of the molds. I can't wait until the ring is finished. I enjoyed making the bracelets because we used macramé (knots and beads). It looks really neat. Everything about the class is really fun. I will probably continue taking art classes through high school, although I don't really know

right now if I will make a career of it. ... For now, it's just something fun I can do," Beason said.

Art can provide many different rewarding careers. Pat Donelson, senior, said, "I want to go into commercial art at the Academy of

Art in Chicago. Working for magazines as my career is a possibility."

Senior Shandra Casiano is also seriously considering a future in art, "I am going to art school when I graduate. I don't know what form of art I'll end up doing."

Art is an expressive, imaginative way for students to let their creativity run wild while having fun at the same time.

- Melissa Mahoney

Junior Michele Morales weaves her craft project on a loom.





With many colors to choose from Chris Flick, senior, decides which one to use. Chris used oil paints to paint an abstract on canvas.

Intently working on photos, Juniors Brian Emery and Rolondo Soto copy their photos onto paper.

T. Reid



M. Trader

Mr. Richard Shearer, art teacher, helps Teisha Chavez, senior, with her batik project. Batiking is when a piece of cloth is waxed to color it.

Jannie Learch, junior, adds the finishing touches on her painting for Mr. Joe Koss's 3rd hour Drawing/Painting class. The students used an opaque projector to trace the picture they wanted to paint.

What would Portage High School be like without the students and staff members?

Students make a school special. The teachers make it unique. The people in a school varies one year from the next. When we look back on the year 1993 ten years from now, we will remember the teachers, our friends. Remember the security guard, who was new gave you a jump in the parking lot? Or the new teacher vious the first day, but eventually got the hang of it and became a favorite? We will recall the times we spent taking a break in the commons with our friends. We'll never forget the time we ditched school and Mr. Ike Halashak called home to remind us that we were supposed to come to school. While looking through the next section of the book fond memories will return of the first time we met our best friend or the time our teacher praised us for a job well done, even the time you realized that many friends had changed from how you remember them in middle school. Looking at these pictures, it is possible to look back, remember and reminisce on the special attractions of your life.



Brian Smolnicky, senior, was made special this year when he won the cutest baby contest. He was given the baby bottle as his prize at the pep session.



Eli Rodriguez, senior, and Arlene Lopez, sophomore, found each other special at the Christmas Dance, Dec. 11. The dances were made unique by the students who attended them.



Even in a group of people, each person is special. Football games were made special by the fans that attended.



Pat Donelson, senior, plays one of his own songs, 'Frankenstein,' at the Variety Show, Feb. 20. The Variety Show was a chance for students to express their creativity and talent.

Jacob Adames: FCA 3, 4; TA 3, 4; Winter Hmning Court 3; Intra. 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.
Stacey Alies: Con. Band 2; Frosh. Band 1; Marching Band 4; Sym. Band 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 3; Pep Band 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.
Stephanie Alies: Track 1, 2, 3, 4.
Amanda Akers.
Aaron Akins: Academic Letter 3, 4; Boys State 3; COIL 4; NHS 3, 4 (VP); Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 1, 2; Tennis 1; Class Rep. 3.

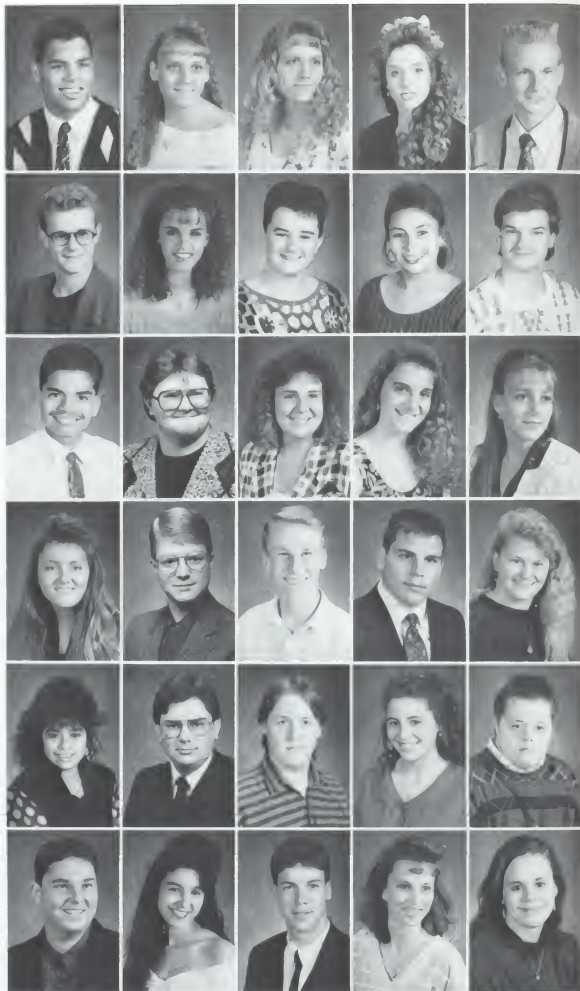
Douglas Alink: Swimming 4.
Laura Alkire: Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 3 (Sec), 4; Pres; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4 (VP); Homecoming Court 3, 4 (Queen).
Tina Allan.
Marilnes Alvarez: Legend 4; March, Band 1, Swimming 1; Peer Tutor 4.
Glenn Angle.

John Arrendondos: COIL 4; Prom Comm. 3; Prom Court 3; SADD/STOP 4; TA 2, 3; Con. Band 2; Frosh. Band 1; Con. Choir 1; Hmning Court 3; Intra. 3, 4; Science Club 1, 2 (VP) March, Band 1; Sym. Band 3; Sym. Choir 2; CC 1, 2; SC 4 (Pres).
Ryan Ashby: TA 2, 3, 4; Frosh. Band 1; Sym. Band 2, 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2.
Jody Auskalins: Jazz Band 2, 3, 4; TA 2; Con. Band 2; Frosh. Band 1; March, Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Sym. Band 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Frosh. Chorus 1; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choralier 2, 3.
Robin Autrey: FCA 3; TA 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.
Jenene Ede' Ayres.

Tina Ayres.
Christopher Balm.
Louis Bain II: Legend 2, 3, 4; Frosh. Band 1; March, Band 1, 2; Solo & Ensemble 1; Golf 1, Q & S 4; Pep Band 1; Swimming 2, 3.
Andrew Baker: COIL 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4.
Teresa Balash.

Marcella Balboa: Saga 2, 3; Office Aid 3.
Thomas Baldridge.
Michael Barich.
Tracy A. Banard: COIL 4; SADD/STOP 3, 4; Choraliers 3; Con. Choir 2; Sym. Choir 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3.
Gordon Barnes.

Plomer Barnes.
Marlene Barrientez.
Stephen M. Batiste: FCA 4; Intra. 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4.
Tanya Beach.
Carrie Bauer: Cheerleader 3; NHS 3, 4; Prom Comm. 1, 2, 3; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; Con. Band 1, 2, 3; Math Club 1; Pep Band 1, 2, 3.





Seniors look back on the school years and remember the good times and the bad

eaching the Top



Jennifer Cassano, senior, keeps her hat on the side because hats were not to be worn in the high school. The no hats rule was new this year in order to try and stop gang identification.

Seniors had to wait no more! The final year finally arrived. The class of 1993 moved on to the outside world.

For some seniors it was hard to believe the final year was here.

Senior Plomer Barnes said, "It's hard to believe. It seems like time just flew by."

Some seniors had planned for this year since day one.

"Being a senior is what you live for from your first day of kindergarten. It's strange that is finally here," senior Melissa Harding said.

Some seniors didn't agree with some of the new rules.

"The worst thing about the school was the no hats rule," Plomer added.

Seniors have their own things to look back on. Some seniors remembered friends and teachers.

Plomer said, "I will always remember Frau Harbrecht (German teacher) because her class was fun."

"Being with my friends and meeting new people are things I won't forget," senior Lisa Osterkamp said.

Seniors had tips for underclassmen.

"Have fun, but don't get caught," Lisa warned.

-Stephanie Markos



Shannon Belcher: SADD/STOP 1; Ski Club 1, 2, 3, 4.
David Bell: CC 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 4.
Bryan Beyster.
Leslie Blackwell.
Mary Blaha.

Juliet Bogue.
Ryan Boland.
Shane Bolde: Jazz Band 3, 4; Track 1, 2.
Allison Boney.
Kimberly Bono.

Ryan Booth.
Brett Bowers: March. Band 1, 2; Football 2; Track 1.
Tina Bozman.
Kimberly Bradford: Spanish Club 2; Softball 2.
Tenna Bradley: SADD/STOP 3; JROTC Color Guard 1, 2; Drill Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Phys. Fitness 3, 4; Rifle Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2.

Tests, homework, school
interfere with dating and

njoying the Spotlight



M. Washburn

Alison Ponce and Chris Cain, seniors, stand together in front of a brick wall. Many couples were expected to budget their time between dating and school.

There is a big test in Biology tomorrow, but you have a date tonight. It is a very hard decision. Dating is a part of a teenager's life. Sometimes it is very enjoyable, other times it can become a nuisance and confuse life. When dating interacts with school, life for a teenager can become treacherous territory.

"You are in school only one-third of the time, anything that happens the other two-thirds is going to upset you. If someone breaks up with you, it would only upset you and how would your test scores be?" Mandy Spurrier, senior, said.

Students have learned how to budget their time between dating and school.

"If I had to study for a test, but someone asked me out that night, I would still study for the test," Stacey Cook, senior, said.

"Dating only interferes if you let it. You can learn to budget your time," Tara Denk, senior, said.

Students have discovered that dating only on the weekends can help distribute their time.

"Dating can interfere with school on the weekdays, but I only date on the weekends," Eric Yates, senior, said.

One student discovered the solution. "I don't date," John Arendondo, senior, said.

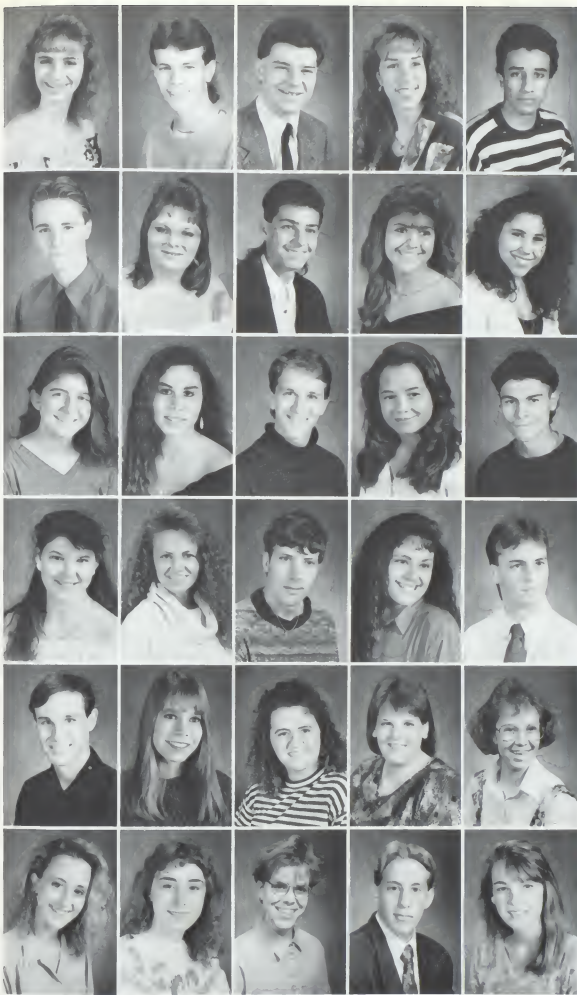
-Vicky Machin

Ben Brzajski: B & P 1, 2; Jazz Band 3, 4; TA 4; Chorale 3; Con. Band 2; Frosh Band 1; Con. Choir 1, 3, 4; Thespians 1; Orch. Winds 2, 3, 4; March. Band 1, 2; Sym. Band 3, 4; Sym. Choir 2; Solo & Ensemble 2; Frosh Chorus 1; Prayer Group 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 2, 3; Eve Bremer.
Ed Brennan.
Heather Brink: Photo Club 1, 2; Business Club 1; Track 1; Volleyball 1; Stat. (volleyball) 2.
Tiffany Brink.

Marvin Brown Jr.: SADD/STOP 3.
Nicole Brown.
Timothee Brown.
Tracy Brown: COIL 4; Spanish Club 1; Science Club 2; Student Council 4; Class Pres. 2; Class VP 3.
Lynn Bujwit.

Jeffery Bull: Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; CC 1.
Tammy Bullington.
Melissa Bunk: Academic Letter 3, 4; COIL 4; Jazz Band 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; TA 2, 3, 4; Chorale 2, 3; Con. Band 2; Frosh Band 1; Intra. 1, 2, 3, 4; Drum Major 4; Orch. Winds 2; Science Club 1, 2; March. Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pitt Orch. 2, 3, 4; Sym. Band 3, 4; Softball 1; Frosh Chorus 1; Glee Club 2; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1.
Stephanie Burdette.
Cynthia Burkhardt.





Stephanie Byarlay: Academic Letter 3,4; Frosh Band 1; Orch/Winds 2; March. Band 2; Sym. Band 2.
Chris Cain.
James Campbell.
Martha Elizabeth Cantrell: Latin Club 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Athletic Trainer 4.
Philip Cantu.

Richard Cap: Intra. 1,2,3,4; Legend 4.
Mary Carden.
Daniel Cardenas.
Jodi Carlson.
Jennifer Carrasco: Indianettes 2; Con. Orchestra 1; Sym. Orch. 2,3,4; Stat. 2; Mat Maid 3.

Kathy Carrasco: Prom Comm. 3; SADD/STOP 3,4; TA 4.
Candice Carrillo.
Adam D. Carter.
Shandra Casiano: COIL 4; TA 4; Saga 4
Travis Castilleja.

Misty Caudill.
Jennifer Chapman.
Alphonse Charron.
Tasha Chavez: Academic Letter 3,4; FLHS 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Pep Club 4; Indianettes 2,3,4; March. Band 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4.
Michael Chaykowski: Prom Comm. 3; Prom Court 3; Baseball 1,2,3,4.

Paul Christman.
Kathy Cimbala.
Valerie Cihak.
Kim Clanton.
Donna Clark.

Liana Clark.
Lisa Clark.
Michele Clark: Prom Comm. 2; SADD/STOP 1,2; Legend 2; French 1; Class Rep. 1; Honorary 1.
Jason Clement: TA 2,3,4; Frosh Band 1; Swimming 3,4; Mgr. Girls' Swimming 4.
Kari Cochran.



Looking at college information, applying for scholarships and making decisions are all part of

reparing for the World



M. Washburn

Teisha Chavez, senior, and Mr. Walter Alexander talk about what college Teisha might want to attend after she graduates from high school. Seniors had many choices to choose from.

"What will I do when I graduate?" seems to be one of the hardest decisions senior students will ever make.

Senior students were always making plans for the future that would make a big difference in their lives and the lives of others. College was also a major role in planning a future for students.

Many students wondered about college plans before their senior year, but there were always a few students that had no plans when their senior year was in full swing.

Senior Mike Laurin said, "I plan on attending IU in Bloomington, but before I decided what I wanted to do I had to do a lot

of things like visit the campus, talk to my counselor and parents to decide what I wanted to major in."

Many students found making decisions put them on the spot. Students wondered if they were making the right decision.

Senior Doug Micheals said, "I'm not going to college because I just don't know what I want to do. I want to like what I'm doing so I decided that I would go to college. I also want to become a Coast Guard on the coast of California."

Even though decision making may be tough, students may find that the hardest things in life may be the best experience.

-Lesley Cash

Shelly Coffman.

Jason Collins.

Aimee Conrick: Indianettes 1, 2, 3, 4.

Dennis Cook.

Stacie Cook: Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; COIL 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD/STOP 3, 4; TA 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Speech and Debate 3; Student Council (Honorary) 3; (Secretary) 4; Track 4.

Jennifer Corey.

Anna Cornejo.

John Creasy: Drill Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Rifle Team 3, 4;

Sym. Choir 2; Football 1, 2, 3; Frosh Chorus 1.

Phillip Crowder.

Beth Crowley: SADD/STOP 4; German Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Yolanda Cullen.

Robert Cunningham.

Misty Curtis.

Brian Czaplak: Intra. 1, 2, 3; TA 4; Baseball 1; Basket-

ball 1, 2, 3.

Seann Dailey.





Tammy Daum: COIL 4; TA 1, 3, 4; Choraliers 4; Sym. Choir 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 2, 3, 4; Frosh Chorus 1; Glee Club 2.
David Davey.
Jeannie David.
Suzette David.
Joe Davis.



Christopher Dawson: Intramurals 1, 2, 4.
Scott Dean.
Kenneth Dec.
Jamie Deiotte.
Vickie DeJohn: Prom Comm. 3; Gymnastics 3.



Christopher DeLeon.
Leslie DeLeon.
Tara Lynn Denk: Academic Letter 3, 4; COIL 4; NHS 4; Pep Club 3; Poms 3; TA 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech & Debate 4; Theopians 2, 3; Sec. 4 (VP); Frosh Chorus 1; PHS 1992 Young Woman of the Year.
Corey Dennison.
Renae Depew: B & P 2; Photo Club 2; Frosh Band 1.



Sabrina Depew: TA 3.
Tajana Dick.
Micheal Didelet.
Jason Dillard.
Veslavl Djordjevic.



Amy Doepping.
Shanna Dohner: Photo Club 4; TA 4.
Sherry Dolasinski: TA 2, 3, 4; Swimming 2, 4.
Vanessa Dombey: SADD/STOP 4; TA 2, 3, 4; Con. Choir 1; French Club 1, 3; Speech and Debate 1, 2; Con. Orch. 1; Sym. Orch. 2, 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4.
Pat Donelson.



Denk Dohoun.
Ed Dore: TA 4; Prayer Group 2, 3, 4.
Scott Drake.
Tammy Dugger.
Jon Daring.

Remembering all the teachers
who have influenced students

Teachers and Memories



M. Washburn

Cassie Lilly, senior, gets help with her challenging Algebra 2 homework assignment from advanced mathematics teacher Mr. Charles Tones during class 7/8 hour.

After we have reached the end of the tunnel, we often reminisce about the trials and tribulations that we have endured during our voyage to reach the other side where the real world lies. The senior class finally made it.

Teachers played a big role in the everyday lives of students. Students were influenced by their teachers a great deal considering that they were around students five days a week. Throughout almost everyone's school career, one or two teachers stood out above all the others.

"My favorite teacher of all time probably would be Mr. Schott, my Latin teacher. Well, also Ms. Smith, my fourth

grade teacher and Mrs. Mangold, my eleventh grade English teacher," Jeannie David, senior, said.

"I'd have to say Mr. Douglas because the guy is like Jesus Christ, he knows everything," senior Chris Jones replied.

Many students learned more than just what they were expected to from their teachers, parents and fellow classmates. They also learned valuable lessons.

Jeannie said, "Don't ever cheat because you do get caught and you'll pay the price."

These memories always stay with students and influence them for the rest of their lives.

- Louis Bain

Andrew Ellenwood.
Shannon Emmet.

Marilyn Evans: Frosh Band 1; Con. Choir 1; Thespians 2, March. Band 1, 2; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2; Student Council; Pep Band 1, 2.
Marlene Evans.
Derek Falls: SADD/STOP 4; TA 4; Swimming 3, 4.

Shawn Farely: Latin Club 4.
Jaime Fields.
Linda Fiero.
Timothy Fizer.
Amanda Flynn.

Brain Forst: Photo Club 1; Pow Wow 1, 2, 3, 4; TA 2; Con. Band 2; Frosh Band; German Club 2, 3; Intra. 2, 3; Thespians 3, 4; Science Club 2, 3; March. Band 1, 2; Sym. Band 3; Solo & Ensemble 2, 3; Q & S 3, 4; Ski Club 2; Pep Band 2; Class Rep. 3; Honorary 1, 2; Bus. Club; Broadcast Club 4.
Kris Forst: TA 2, 4; Con. Band 2; Frosh Band 1; German Club 2, 3; Intra. 2, 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4; March. Band 1, 2; Sym. Band 3; Solo & Ensemble 2; Student Council Honorary 1, 2, 3.
Gerrie Fowble.
Gertrude Fusko.
Jennifer Dee Gaboian: Pow Wow 4; Photo Club 4; Saga 2, 3; Prayer Group 3.





Elizabeth Gaines: SADD/STOP 4; TA 2; Con. Band 2, 3; Frosh Band 1; French Club 1, 2, 3; Con. Orch. 1, 2; Orch. Winds 3; March. Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Sym. Orch. 2, 3; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Honorary 4
 Kimberly Ganz.
 Debbie Gapinski: TA 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Kelly Gebert: Spanish Club 1, 2; TA 1, 4.
 Jennifer Gilbert: Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Comm 3; Gymnastics 3, 4; Stat. Soccer 3, 4.

Lisa Gibson.
 Shelli Gibson.
 Kurt Gilmore.
 Teresa Gingerich.
 Rachael Glancy.

Nicole Goetsch: Con. Band 2; Frosh Band 1; March. Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Sym. Band 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Jason Goins: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 1, 2, 3, 4.
 April Goodman.
 Craig Grau.
 Stephen Graveline.

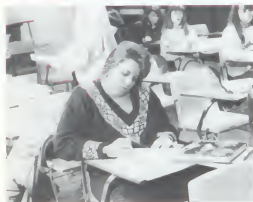
Heather Green.
 Mercedes Greene.
 Amy Gregorash: Academic Letter 3, 4; COIL 4; NHS 3, 4; SADD/STOP 1; TA 3; Latin Club 1, 2, 3; Pres. 4; Con. Orch. 2, 3, 4; Sym. Choir 2, 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Phillip Gronck.
 Robert Gross

Chucka Guess.
 Josephine Gutierrez.
 Leonardo Guzman.
 Heather Hagam: TA 4; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4
 Dawn Haines.

Timothy Hallenbeck.
 Melissa Harding: TA 3, 4; Frosh Choir 1; Saga 3, 4; Student Athletic Trainer 3, 4.
 Karla Hardy: TA 3.
 Tony Harr: FCA 1, 2; Baseball 1; Football 1, 2, 3; Wrestling 1
 Jackie Hazzard.

Seniors look ahead to see on how they see themselves after they finish high school.

Looking Ahead



Janna Nelson Nelson sits in Child Development class learning about how to raise children. This class may help her in the future if she decides to have a family or work with children.

As seniors looked toward the future they faced many challenges; challenges such as a career, having a family or deciding on what they might want to do.

Every senior has to have different ideas on what do to with their life after high school.

Maribel Ortiz, senior, said, "I plan on taking a short vacation and then going to college. I also see myself as a successful lawyer, maybe with a family."

Tina Allan, senior, said, "I plan to enjoy my summer and start school in the fall. In the future I see myself working as a court stenographer, maybe with a family."

In addition, Jason Dillard, senior, said, "I'll go to college to study law and after I turn 21 I plan to go to the Police Academy in Florida because I see myself as a police officer."

Seniors had to think about how to prepare themselves for the real world. Were they ready or not?

Maribel said, "I'll get a job, save money for college and live the rest as it comes."

"I plan to save money, go to college and go out into the real world and learn what it's all about. I'll take things as they come," Amanda Hodge, senior, said.

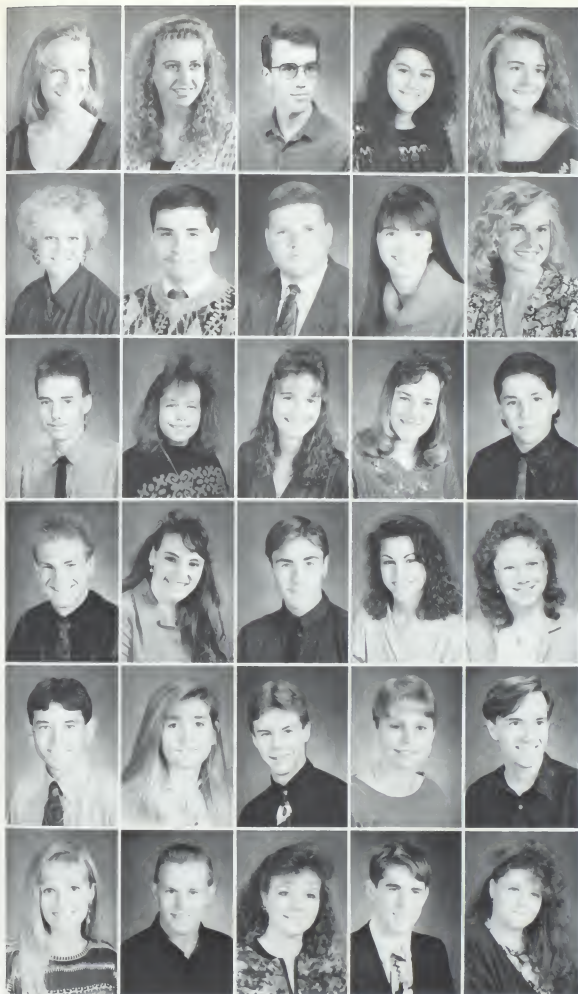
-Maria Alvarez

Mickey Hebda.
Margaret Heckman.
Adam Hegder.
Heather Hedstrom.
Heather Hegedus: Cheerleader 1, 2; NHS 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Prom Comm. 3; From Court 3; SADD/STOP 3, 4; Girls State 3; Thespians 4; Student Council 3, 4; Mgr. Gymnastics 4; Honorary 3, 4.

Suzanne Hein.
Sheryl Henrichs.
Jamie Henry.
Paul Henry.
Rebecca Hess: Academic Letter 3, 4; FLHS 2, 3, 4; NHS 4; Prom Comm. 3; SADD/STOP 1; TA 4; Intra. 2, 3; Thespians 4; Business Club (Pres) 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3; Class Rep. 2, 4; Honorary 1, 3.

Kenneth Heyse.
Jodi Hicks.
Tonia Highlands.
Daniel Hill.
Kristie Hill: Con. Band 4; Medieval Club 3, 4.





Tracy Hill.
Joanna Hiltzley: Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4 (Pres.); Homecoming Court 3; Con. Orch. 1; Sym. Orch. 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 1.
Kendall Hitchcock: Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Frosh Band 1, Orch. Winds 2, 3, 4; March. Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Sym. Band 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4.
Amanda Hodge.
Kimberly Hominger.

Andrea Hoover: Cheerleader 1, 2; Pep Club 1, 2; TA 1, 4; Choralists 2, 3, 4 (Pres.); Thespians 4; Sym. Choir 3, 4; Frosh. Chorus 1; Girls Glee Club 2; Class Officer 4; Class Rep. 4.
Brian Hope.
Jeremy Hossa.
Jennifer Hostetter: Sym. Choir 3; Frosh Chorus 1, Glee Club 2.
Holly Hostetter: Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Con. Choir 1, 2; Gymnastics 3, 4; Glee Club 2.

Kelly Hounshell.
Stacy Hudson.
Tanya Hudson.
Brenda Humphries: TA 1, 4; Intra. 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Club 4.
Jesús Hurtado.

Max Hutka.
Michele Hyde: TA 1, 3, 4.
Robert Ingas.
Laura Iwan: Prom Comm. 3; TA 3, 4; Soccer Stat.
Jennifer Rose Jacobs.

Freddy Jaime: Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1
Niki Jalovecky.
Daniel Jaworski.
Mickie Jenkins: Medieval Club 3, 4; Tennis 3.
Glenn David Jennings II: Pow Wow 1; TA 2, 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3; Intra. 1, 2, 3, 4; Q & S 3, 4 (Pres.); Class Sec. 3; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4 (Manager); Class Rep. 2; Honorary 1; Legend 2, 3, 4; Asst. Editor

Stacey Johnson: TA 3, 4; Frosh Band 1
Alan Johnston.
Stacey Johnston.
Christopher Jones.
Kaylene Jones.

Work and college have
seniors worrying about

ntering the Real World



Jeremy Jovanovic and Joe Romero, seniors, look at Jeremy's diploma with a big smile after he graduated mid-term, Jan. 24. Many seniors may have felt different during graduation day.

The graduates of 1993 sat in front of speakers anxiously awaiting the minute that they would receive their diplomas from Mr. Forrest Rhode. Graduation days, Jan. 24 and June 4, brought scary thoughts of leaving "picture perfect" lives and experiencing the hard, cruel world of reality came to the mind of other seniors.

Senior Pat Donelson said, "The things that I despise about the 'real world,' is that I'll have to pay for everything myself, what a drag! Eventually, I will adjust but it won't be easy. I won't have someone to fall back on, not like now when I can have 'mommy' come to my rescue when I get in over my head."

Senior Elias Rodriguez said, "I feel that the 'real world' will be harder than high school and my actions will be much more important and will affect more peoples' lives."

Senior Chastity McWhirter said, "I despise the fact that it's hard to find a good paying job. It'll be harder to support myself on low income."

Graduation day is a momentous day in seniors' lives. Many seniors think their lives were tough and that school was a drag, but they all eventually realized what their parents were talking about when they said "life isn't a bowl of cherries."

-Crystal Torres

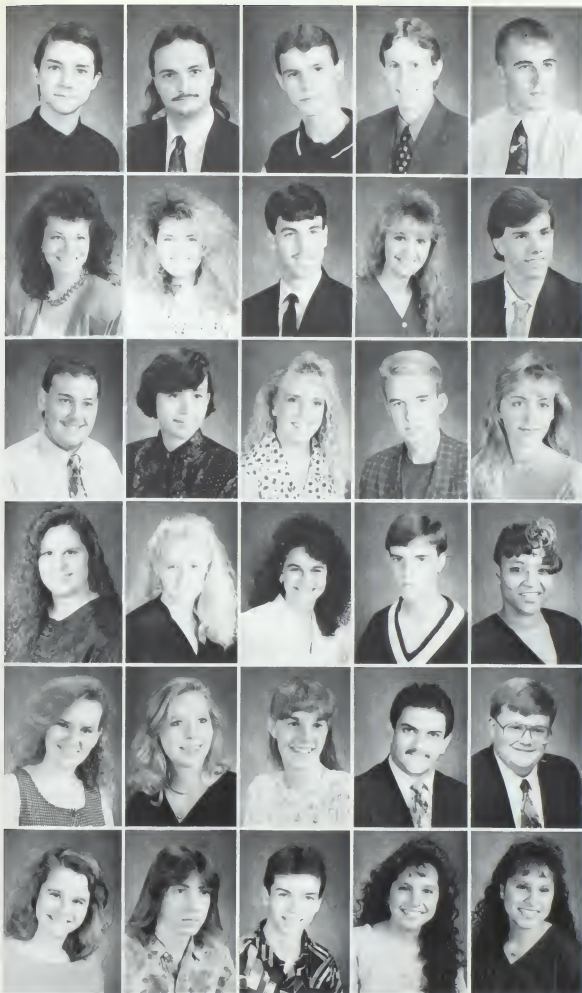
Tamara Jones.

Jaime Joseph: Academic Letter 3, 4; COIL 4; TA 3, 4; Indianettes 1, 2, 3; Intra. 3.
Rosemarie Jovanovic: Prom Comm. 3; SADD/STOP 4; Homecoming Court 4; Softball 2, 3; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4.
Sandra Kegebein: Academic Letter 3, 4; Prom Comm. 3; SADD/STOP 4; Track 2.
Jason Kennedy: Baseball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Mr. Football 4; Wrestling 2.

Carol King: COIL 4; TA 2, 3, 4.
George King: Baseball 1; Football 1.
Sean Kitchel.
Stacie Klumpe: Peer Tutor 3, 4.
Tracie Klumpe: Peer Tutor 3, 4.

Julie Knapp: SADD/STOP 4; TA 4; Track 1, 2, 3.
Merideth Knapp.
Kelli Koleck.
Rebecca Kopeck: SADD/STOP 4; Choir 1, 2, Band 1, 2.
Angela Kurczewski: TA 3, 4; Football Mgr. 3; Business Club 4.





Jason Kuri.
Christopher Lackey.
Harold Large.
Michael Laurin: Con. Band 2; Frosh Band 1;
Sym. Band 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Soccer 2; (Mgr. 1);
Ski Club 1.
William Lawson.

Tina LeRose: Con. Orch. 1; Pit Orch 2, 3; Sym.
Orch. 2, 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2.
Jennifer Leto; Peer Tutor 3.
Philip Lewandowski.
Heather Lewis.
Jack Lewis: TA 3.

Kevin Lewis: Football 1, 2, 3.
Brenda Likavec: Academic Letter 3, 4; FLHS 2,
3, 4; NHS 3, 4; TA 3; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Frosh
Band 1; Speech & Debate 3, 4; Science Club 1, 2;
March, Band 1; Spelling 3.
Carrie Lilly: TA 1, 2, 3, 4; Intra. 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 2;
FLHS 3; Softball 1; Track 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2,
3, 4.
Scott Lindsey: FCA 1, 2; TA 2; Intra. 1, 2, 3;
Basketball 1; Cross Country 1; Golf 2, 3, 4; Tennis
2, 3, 4.
Shannon Little.

Karen Longmore.
Margaret Lowell.
Patricia Lowell.
Stephen Lytle.
Sondressee Mabon: SADD/STOP 1; Latin Club
1.

Victoria Machin: COIL 4; TA 3, 4; Legend 2, 3,
4 (Album Editor); Intra. 3; Medieval Club 3, 4;
Literary Club 3; Quill & Scroll 3, 4 (Sec.).

Deborah Magura.
Rachel Mahns: Academic Letter 3, 4; COIL 4;
FCA 4; FLHS 3, 4; SADD/STOP 4; TA 2, 3;
Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4 (Co-Captain); Student
Council 1, 2, 3, 4 (Honorary, Class Rep.); Track 1,
2, 3, 4.

Michael Mamounas.
Thomas Manske: Academic Letter 3, 4; FLHS 2,
3, 4; NHS 4; TA 3, 4; Science Club 1, 2.

Angela Markos: FLHS 3, 4; NHS 4; TA 4; Ger-
man Club 1, 2, 3, 4.
Jeffrey Marshall.
Jayme Martin.
Erica Martinez: Cheerleader 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4;
Pom Poms 2, 3; Prom Comm. 3; Frosh Band 1;
Winter Homecoming Court 3, 4; Con. Chorus 2;
Business Club 1; Golf 1, 2, 4; Frosh Chorus 1;
Class VP 4; Student Council 3 (Honorary).
Monica Martinez.

Memories of the last year and suggestions to underclassmen



ecalling the Good Times



Jany, Nallas. Tracy Splitberger, Tonya Summerfield, Rosie Jovanovic, Shannon McAllister, Merri Noble, seniors, dance together in a group at their last Fall Homecoming dance.

Many memories are made in one's high school career. For some students high school was the best years in their lives.

Senior Bill Lawson said, "Probably passing my Government and Economics class and just making it through high school without getting kicked out by Mr. Rhode or Mr. Kirchner would be the most memorable part of my high school career."

For some students the part of high school that will be most missed are the many friends they made and all the fun activities.

Senior Rosie Jovanovic said, "High

school will probably be the best part of my life. After high school all the friends you have all go their separate ways. I'm really gonna miss the fun and friends I had."

The Class of '93 also left a suggestion for all the incoming seniors.

"Don't take your last year so serious. Have a good time because it goes so fast. Don't miss out on anything. Get involved," Rosie added.

"Watch out for Mr. Halaschak because he really isn't dumb; he knows where you are," Bill said.

Many students will leave PHS with many positive memories and tears.

- Shelley Djurich

Jennifer Martus: COIL 4; Prom Comm. 3; SADD STOP 3, 4; TA 2; Choraliers 4; Con. Choir 3, 4; German Club 3; Pres. 4; Glee Club 2; Soccer Mgr. 1.

Michelle Mathews.

Amy Mattix: Prom Comm. 3; Homecoming Court 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Cap. 4; Class Rep. 1.

Jennifer May: COIL 4; Prom Comm. 3; Latin Club 1; TA 1; Tennis 1, 2.

Shannon McAllister: Prom Comm. 3; SADD/ STOP 3, 4; Homecoming Court 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3; Volleyball 1, 2; Prom Princess 3.

Scott McConnell: Con. Band 3; Frosh Band 1.

Amy McCord.

Jennifer McCoy.

Colleen McKee.

Kelli McKenzie.

Michelle McKinney: COIL 4; TA 1; Intra. 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4.

Brandy McKittrick.

Chasity McWhirter.

Fred McWilliams.

Karly Melcher: Academic Letter 4; Brush & Palette 1, 2; Chinese Club 4; NHS 4; TA 4; Frosh Band 1; French Club 1, 2, 3; Pres. 4; Speech and Debate 2; Video Club 4.





Tony Meletich.
Christopher Melvin: TA 3, 4; Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 4.
James Meyer.
Mirosław Miśtowski: Con. Band 2, 3; Frosh Band 1; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2.
Jeff Miller: Academic Letter 1, 4; Chinese Club 4; COLL. 4; NHS 3, 4; Pow Wow 1, 2, 3, 4; TA 3, 4; Q & S 2, 3; VP 4; Athletic Trainer 3, 4, Class Rep. 3.

Kendra Miller: Academic Letter 3, 4; Jazz Band 2, 3; NHS 4; TA 3, 4; Chorals 1, 2, 3; Frosh Band 1; French Club 1; Orch. Winds 1, 2, 3, 4; March Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble; Prayer Group 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1.
Melissa Miller: TA 3; Frosh Band 1; Con. Choir 2, Life Skills 3; Swimming 2.
Michelle Miller.
Brenda Milligan: Basketball 1.
Jessica Minton: Academic Letter 3, 4; FLHS 3, Athletic Trainer 3, 4.

Wesley A. Minton: Prom Comm. 3; SADD/STOP 3, 4; German Club 2; Speech and Debate 3; Student Court 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Rep. 1, 2.
Jennifer Moore.
Audrey Moreland.
Michele Morgan.
Melissa Morris.

David Motsinger.
Kelly Mrak.
Matthew Mundell: Intra. 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 2, 3.
David Muniz: Baseball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1.
Steven Munoz.

Wendy Nelson: NHS 4; TA 2, 3; Tennis 2, 3; Football 1; Trainer 3.
Lynn Nguyen: French Club 1; Tennis 1; Spellbow Team 1.
Jason Nixon.
Merr Noble: Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Poms 2, 3, 4; Prom Comm. 3; Gymnastics 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 4; Leadership 4.
Jose Olivencia.

Jason O'Neal: TA 2, 3; Speech and Debate 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4.
Celena Origel: Cheerleader 1; Pep Club 1, 3, 4; Poms 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2; SADD/STOP 2; TA 1, 3, 4; Thespians 2; Track 2; Honorary 1, 2.
Maribel Ortiz: Academic Letter 4; NHS 4; JROTC Color Guard 2, 3; Drill Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Rifle Team 3.
Courtney Oshea.
Jaime Osika.

Happy days are remembered for
seniors to look back at and

Reminisce Senior Year



Haven Butts, senior, shows that he will remember the Winter Homecoming game as he sits on the floor with confetti having a good time with his senior class.

Many seniors had their own best day of their senior year, some happy, sad or funny.

Jason Kennedy, senior, said, "It was a Friday night at a home football game against Merrillville when I broke a school record with 11 receptions breaking Jennings' record with 8 receptions. Also that night I was Mr. Football."

On the other hand, Debbie Gapinski, senior, said, "Passing all my required classes so I could graduate plus passing at least five classes so I can play softball were my best memories."

Seniors remembered the best thing that may have happened. They might have re-

membered a party or two, passing classes, or just sitting back and chilling.

A.J. Charron, senior, said, "My best day was when I rebuilt a motor in diesel class because it was a lot of fun and it was harder to do than a gasoline motor."

"It was New Year's Eve and I took a ride in a limo in Chicago and spent the night partying with my best friend and my boyfriend. It was the best day and night of my senior year," Jennifer Carrasco, senior, said.

John Addison, senior, said, "It was New Year's Eve and all I remembered was that I had fun and I partied my butt off and had a blast."

-Maria Alvarez

Lisa Osterkamp.

Tracy Owens.

Paul Palichuk: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4.

James Pantell: Basketball (Capt.) 1, 2, 3, 4; Football (Capt.) 1, 2, 3, 4.

Mike Pappas: COIL 4; Pow Wow 2, 3, 4; SADD/STOP 4; TA 3, 4; Lifer 4; Student Outreach 4; Fresh Chorus 1; Ski Club 4; Student Council (Rep) 4.

Angela Parker.

Jeff Parker.

Jennifer Parker: Academic Letter 3, 4; Chinese Club 4; NHS 4; Pow Wow 3, 4; TA 3, 4; Quill & Scroll 3, 4.

Michael Parrigan: Boys' State 3; Soccer 2.

Dawn Patryas.

Michael Paviadakis: SADD/STOP 4; TA 4; Latin Club 4.

Michelle Payne.

Leslie Pelot.

April Penney: TA 3, 4; French Club 2, 3; Prom Comm. 3.

Courtney Perkins.





Lora Phegley.
James Piatek.
Elizabeth Pierce: TA 3, 4; Con. Band 2, 3; Frosh Band 1; Orch Winds 3; Business Club 4; March Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Sym. Band 4; Pep Band 3.
Shannon Pierce.
Adam Pluskis: Wrestling 1.



Debra Pomales: Academic Letter 3; Con. Band 2; Frosh Band 1; March Band 1; Sym. Band 3.
Christopher Ponda.
Joseph Posavac.
Amy Powell: Saga 2; Student Court 1.
Nicole Power: COIL 4; TA 3, 4; Choraliers 2; Con. Choir 1; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2.



Tonya Pride.
John Prieto.
Freeda Psihogios.
Michael Pugh.
Jennifer Pullen: Golf 4; Softball 1, 2.



Cory Putman: Prom Comm. 3; TA 4; Lifter 4; Con. Band 2; Frosh Band 1; Swimming 1.
Gregory Pyle.
Wendy Radic: NHS 4; JROTC Color Guard 1, 2, 3, 4; Commanding Officer; Drill Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech & Debate 2, 3, 4; Pres.
Bennett Ramage: Football 1, 2, 3; Wrestling 1, 2, 3.
Rebecca Ray.



Jason Reber: Photo Staff 3, 4; TA 3, 4; Intra. 2, 3, 4; Tennis 2, 3; Mgr. (G. Tennis) 2.
Larry Reibly: Tennis 2; Track 4.
Tiffanie Reid: Brush & Palette 4; Photo Club 3, 4; Photo Staff 4; TA 2.
Richard Revetta.
Stanley Rhodes.



Dennis Ried.
Tina Riegle: TA 1, 4; Latin Club 1; Con. Band 4; Frosh Band 1; March Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 1, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lab Band II 2, 3.
Melissa Rivera.
Christine Robinson.
Lori Rodarie.



Student voters gave opinions on the Presidential Elections

lecting the Right One



During fall campaigning season, students over 18 years old had to decide on which candidate to vote for president. In the end Clinton won.

One of the most important issues was the economy. Shannon Emmet, senior, thought Bill Clinton was the best man for the job. "I don't like Bush. He's done nothing for the economy. I think Clinton will make better decisions."

Jennifer Jacobs, senior, agreed. "Our economy was bad during elections. Clinton would help poor people find jobs."

Chris Rogers, senior, said, "I like the way Clinton focuses on getting messages across to teens."

Wes Minton, senior, voted for Bush. "There are several reasons I voted for him. First of all, I am a die-hard Republican. I also think he had a more accurate sense of what was going on. He will make better decisions about taxes and unemployment."

Abortion was another major issue being debated by candidates.

"I believe in the woman's right to choose and so does Clinton. That was one reason I voted for him," Shannon said.

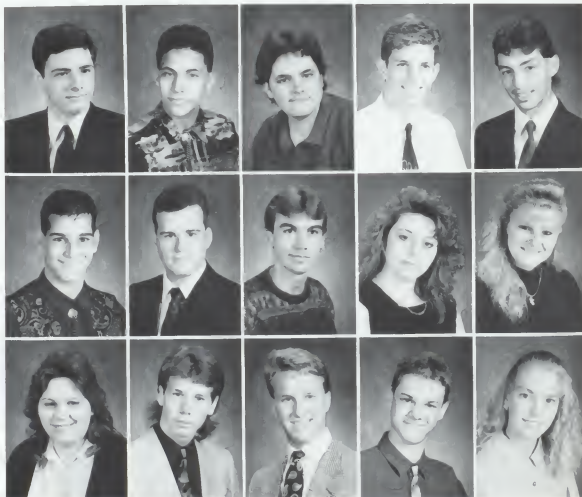
Chris said, "It's not that I didn't like Bush, he just got stuck at a bad time. We needed someone fresh."

-Melissa Mahoney

Jason Rodriguez
Louis Rodriguez
Christopher M. Rogers
Christopher T. Rogers: Academic Letter 3, 4; NHS
4; From Comm. 3; Speech & Debate 4; Thespians 1,
2, 3; Student Council 1, 2, 3 (VP) 4
Joseph Romero: TA 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Football 2;
Student Council 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Class
President 4; Class Officer 3

Dan Rosario.
Peter Rose.
Theodore Roseberry.
Shawnee Rouse.
Tina Sander.

Victoria Santos.
Jeremy Sarver: Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD/STOP 4;
Con. Band 1, Sym. Band 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1.
Jason Schach: German Club 1, 2, 3; JROTC 1, 2, 3, 4;
Drill team 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Fitness 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech
and Debate 2; Swimming 4.
Dennis Schiller.
Stephanie Schmidt: NHS 4; Con. Band 2, 3; Frosh
Band 1; French Club 1, 2; Orch. Winds 3; Science
Club 1; Sym. Band 4.





Thomas Schnieder.
Michael Schoonover: FCA 4; SADD/STOP 4; Intra.
4; Golf 1, 2, 4; Football 1; Ski Club 2, 3, 4.
Kevin Schultz.
Stacy Scott.
Tammy Scott: TA 2; Choraliers 2, 3; Con. Choir 3;
Con. Chorus 3; Basketball 1; Frosh Choir 1; Glee
Club 2; Peer Tutor 3, 4.

Jamison Serwatka: COIL 4; Swimming 2, 3, 4; Mgr.
Girls Swim.
Larry Shadley: TA 1, 2, 3; JROTC 1, 2; Drill Team 1,
2.
James Shadley Jr: Drill Team 2, 3, 4.
Daphne Shaw.
John Shaw: Jazz Band 1, 2, 3; Con. Band 1, 2; TA 4;
Orch. Winds 3; March. Band 1, 2, 3; Pep Band 1, 2.

Theresa Shaw: Basketball 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 2, 3,
4; Track 2, 3, 4.
Karen Shay.
Daniel Shoppa.
John Silva: Con. Band 2; Orch. Winds 1, 2; March.
Band 1, 2, 3; Sym. Band 1, 2, 4; Solo & Ensemble 1.
Kelly Silverhorn.

Erica Smith.
Jennifer Smith.
Kimberly Smith
Lana Smith.
Sean D. Smith.

Susan Smith.
Stacey Smith: JROTC 1, 2; Drill Team 2.
Tamara Smith-Boltz: JROTC 1, 2; Drill Team 1, 2,
3, 4; Rifle Team 3, 4.
Brian Smolnick: TA 1, 2, 4; Thespians 4; Football
1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3.
Michael Smithler.

Jason Solomon: TA 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football
1, 2, 3, 4.
Christopher Spear.
Craig Spelce.
Tracie Splitgerber: Prom Comm. 3; TA 1, 2, 3, 4;
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3.
Nandy Spurrier: TA 2, 3; Medieval Club 3, 4; Saga
3.

Seniors tell what could have made
life better in school when they

Look Back in Time

Many students look back on their high school days proud of what they accomplished, laughing at embarrassing moments, crying at others. Senior Kurt Adkins commented, "I don't think I would change a thing."

Although there are students that were happy with what they achieved, many students looked back wishing they could change things to make their days happy, memorable and more exciting.

Senior Susan Wells said, "I would have spent more time having fun and less time worrying about grades."

Besides academics, students wished they had become more involved in after school

activities and sports. Senior Kevin Valtich said, "I wish I had gotten more involved in sports because I've never really gotten into the school spirit."

Some students thought school should have been fun and not a lot of games.

Senior Karly Melcher disagreed, "I wish I could have done better academically my freshman year."

"I'd wish I've gotten better grades and taken more college prep classes because now as a senior I realize getting good grades early in school will help you do a lot better in the future," senior Scott Dean disagreeingly said.

-Lesley Cash



Jawn Swaney, senior, proves that being a senior isn't all fun and games, as he works in the computer lab in room 327 to finish Mr. John DeCoster's semester exam.

Erich Squire.
John Stafford: TA 3; Physical Fitness 1; Thespians 2, 3, 4.
Tony Stankich.
Dan Stanley: Football 1, 2.
Jason Stepanovich.

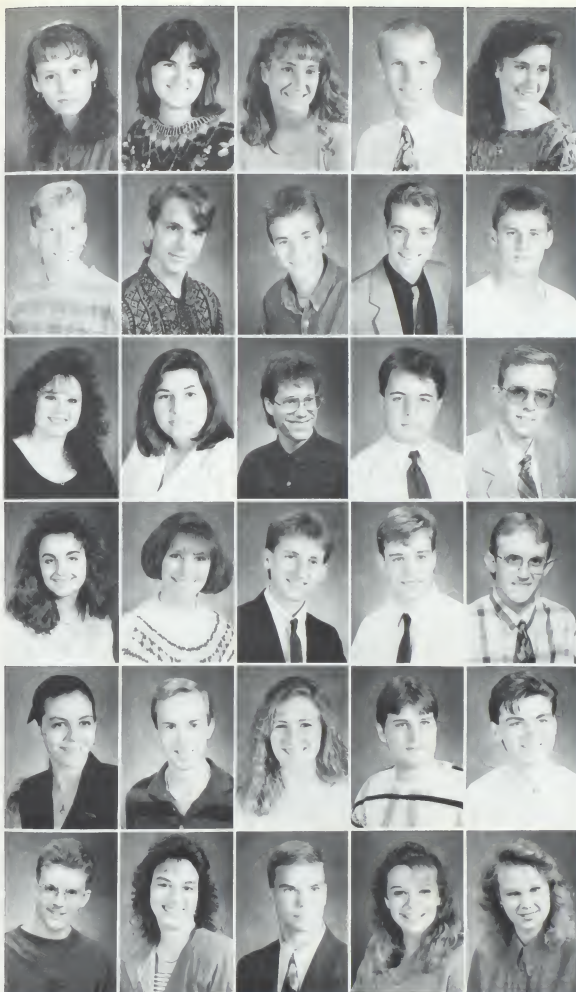


Sheryl Stephenson: TA 1.
Melissa Stitts: COIL 4; TA 1; Prom Comm. 3; Latin Club 1, 2; Intra. 1; Basketball 1, 2; Softball 1; Track 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Leadership 4.
Stephan Stotschew.
Valerie Stout: FLHS 3; NHS 4; SADD/STOP 4; TA 1, 3; Fresh Band 1.
Todd Summar: Academic Letter 3, 4; COIL 4; NHS 4; Pow Wow 2, 3, 4 (Editor-in-Chief); TA 1, 4; Quill & Scroll.



Tanya Summerfield.
Dawn Svetic: TA 4; Homecoming Comm. 4.
Eric Swaney: Ski Club 4.
Beth Swindle: TA 4.
Jennifer Sworden: Prom Comm. 3; Con. Orch. 1; Pit Orch. 2, 3, 4; String Ensemble 1, 2, 4; Sym. Orch. 2, 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4.





Julie Szabo.
Tamara Szymanski: TA 3; Con. Band 4; March.
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lab Band I 2; Lab Band II 3.
Deanna Taylor.
Joseph Taylor.
Carla Tesso.

John Tharp.
Timothy Thiele.
Scott Tilford.
Gary Timm.
James Tinnel.

Crystal Torres: Spanish Club 1, 2; Photo Staff 2,
 3; TA 4; Legend 2, 3, 4; Frosh Band 1; March.
 Band 1, 2, 3; Quill & Scroll 4.
Ona Torres.
Scott Tracy: German Club 4.
Derek Trinosky: Latin Club 1, 2; French Club 3;
 Intra. 3, 4; Football 3, 4.
Brian Trosper.

Linda Tuncay: Academic Letter 3, 4; Brush &
 Palette 3; COIL 4; NHS 4; Pow Wow 2, 3, 4; TA
 3, 4; Girls' State 3; Saga 3; Quill & Scroll 3, 4.
Dawn Tutko: Academic Letter 3, 4; NHS 4;
 FLHS 3; Gymnastics 1, 2, 3, 4.
Michael Uppski.
Michael Uterback: Intra. 1, 2, 3, 4.
Kevin Valetich.

Carie Varner.
Randall Vaughn.
Tina Veden: Pep Club 4; Poms 4; Spanish Club 1;
 TA 4; Saga 4; Tennis 1; Mat Maid 1, 2, 3, 4.
Jeremy Verbich.
Dan Vincent: Academic Letter 3, 4; Academic
 Decathlon 4; Boys' State 3; Jazz Band 2, 3, 4;
 SADD/STOP 4; Choraliers 2, 3, 4; Frosh Band 1;
 French Club 1; Intra. 2, 3; Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4;
 Drum Major 3, 4; Orch. Winds 2, 3, 4; March. Band
 1, 2, 3, 4; Sym. Band 2, 3, 4; Sym. Choir 2, 3, 4; Solo
 & Ensemble 1, 2; Prayer Group 4; Pep Band 1;
 Class Officer 2; Class Treasurer 2.

David Vittetoe.
Helen Vourazeris.
David Waechter: FCA 4; SADD/STOP 4; Cross
 Country 4; Swimming 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.
Jennifer Walkers: Business Club 4; TA 3, 4.
Kelly Warren: German Club 2; LifeSkills 2, 3, 4;
 Con. Chorus 1, 2; Frosh Chorus 1.

Trying to make the best of the
final year of high school

The Best of all Years

This was the last year of high school for seniors and when they left they took with them experience, knowledge and memories of their high school years. Because this was senior's last year, most seniors wanted to make the best of the year. Every senior had a different way of making the last year their most memorable high school year.

Many seniors wanted to keep up the good work they'd been doing on their report cards and continue with a good grade point average.

Senior Jacob Adams said, "I'm trying to maintain good grades this year. Also, I'm going to stay involved in all the school activities I can possibly participate in."

"I'm going to try to keep focused on school and study a lot harder," senior Wendy Sanders said.

"I'm trying to keep up my grades so I can go to college," senior Lisa Gibson said.

Friendships can mean a lot to some in high school because many believe they need a friend to talk to in a time of crisis. The last year of high school meant leaving friends. Seniors were trying to spend all of the extra time they could away from studies.

Some senior Craig Garrison said, "I would like to maintain old friendships and learn as much as I possibly can before the year is up."

Senior Jennifer Carrasco said, "I am going to be the best I can be and go out all the time and have tons fun with my favorite friends."

Some of the most important lessons students may learn in life are learned in high school classrooms all over.

"I've learned in high school to take it seriously but at the same time have fun. I lead myself to believe that," senior Rosie Jovanovic said.

Senior Mike Chaykowski had a different opinion, he said, "The most important thing I have learned is to be a responsible, independent thinker. Don't let people think for you. Show your ideas!"

Some seniors had comments and a few suggestions to give to Class of '94.

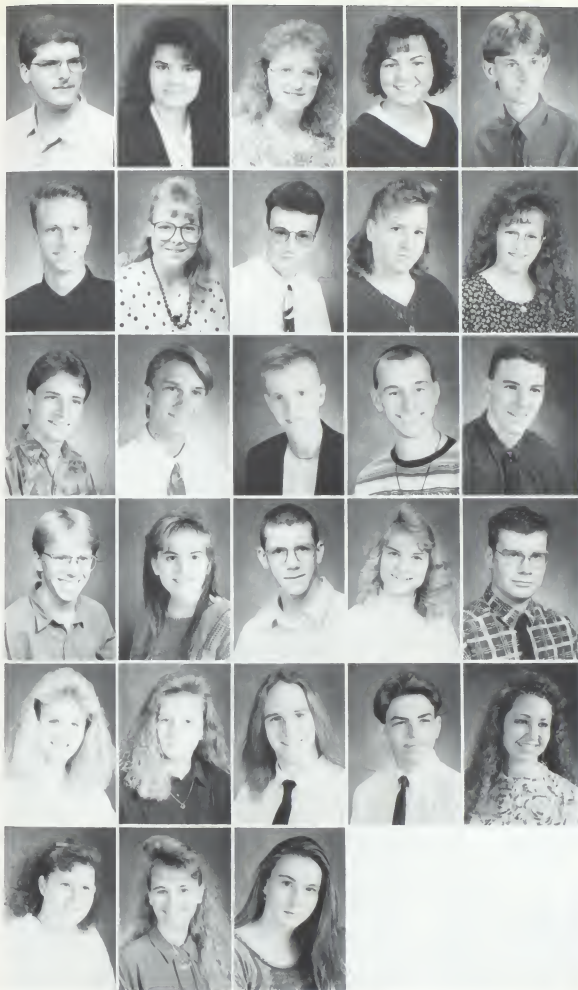
Rosie added, "Don't blow the year off, but make it your best year. Have a lot fun and be crazy because you're only a senior once."

This was the last year for the class of '93. They left with many memories. It was the time that seniors planned for future careers and tried to decide what college was right for them. A lot of growing up was done throughout the year along with many making adult decisions.

- Shelley Djurich and Maribel Gonzalez



Many of the best times in life probably happen in high school. Such events as Winter Homecoming is a great memory. As for senior Stacie Cook, being crowned Winter Homecoming Queen will be among one of her best memories of her senior year. Senior Tracey Brown crowned Stacie at the homecoming basketball game.



Daniel Waters.
Kim Waters.
Susan Wells.
Gretchen Westerkamp: Prom Committee 3;
SADD/STOP 3, 4; TA 4; German Club 1; Student
Council/Honorary 1, 4; (Rep. 2), (Class Officer 3),
Class Treasurer 3; Track 1, 2.
Justin Wheeler.

Sean Whelan: TA 4; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4.
Kimberly Whitaker.
Joseph White.
Wendy Whiter: SADD/STOP 4; TA 4.
Heather Whitten: Business Club 3, 4.

Larry Widener.
Christopher Wighaman.
Robert Will.
Michael Willard: Football 2; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4.
Brent Williams.

Geoffrey Williams: Jazz Band 4; Choraliers 3, 4;
Con. Band 2, 3; Fresh Band 1; Intra. 4; Con. Orch.
1; Orch. Winds 2, 3, 4; March. Band 1, 2, 3; Sym.
Band 4; Sym. Orch. 2, 3; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2; Pep
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 4.
Rachael Williams.
Ben Wilson: TA 2; Fresh Band 1.
Lora Windsheimer: Track 1
John Worline.

Candice Wright: Media Asst. 3; Intra. 2, 3, 4;
Business Club 3, 4.
Sherry Yager: Softball 1, 2.
Eric Yates: Football 1; Swimming 2, 3, 4; Mgr.
Girls Swimming 4.
David Yoger.
Shannon Young: Pep Club 4; SADD/STOP 1, 2;
TA 4; Fresh Band 1; Golf 3, 4.

Carrie Zeck: Latin Club 1, 2, 3.
Kim Zelasko: Peer Tutor 2, 3, 4.
Tia Zell.

Carla Addison
Derek Aules
Scott Amsworth
Jason Alamo
Sandra Aleman
Charity Allera
Erica Aleve

Nicole Anderson
Michael Angle
Heather Amick
Julie Appelhagen
Melissa Arnold
Anna Arnsvein
Donald Austin

Richard Autenrieth
Shawn Autry
Miguel Ayala
Tina Bacon
Kristen Baker
Evan Balas
Theresa Balboa

Paul Ballor
Jason Barnard
Tuesday Barnes
Jennifer Bates
Nicole Batdes
Heather Baugh
Richard Baugh

Jeremy Beasley
Katie Beckham
Natalie Bellar
Carrie Bolt
Daniel Benson
Thomas Berger
Jason Berman

Catherine Billick
Jennifer Bishop
Daniel Blanton
Steve Blanton
Jennifer Blaskiewicz
Curtis Bledsoe
Crispin Block

Kari Blouir
James Bolint
Dannel Bonta
Valerie Boruff
Claudia Boyle
Shane Brady
Rebekah Brackley

David Brasser
Joseph Brennan
Tony Brewer
James Bridges
Pamela Briggs
Lorraine Brigham
Robert Brockway

Veronica Brockway
David Brooks
Michelle Buckner
Russell Buila
Nathaniel Burgess
Michael Burton
Bryan Bush

Geoffrey Butler
Christine Byers
Julie Cable
Steve Cadie
Julie Capellari
Misty Cardenas
Crystal Carlson





Victoria Carr
Dessire Carrillo
Jeffrey Carter
Jonathan Casey
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Students sit through the handbook four times to make sure they can

Get It Straight

Listening to the reading of the student handbook, the most exciting part of the first day of school, YEAH RIGHT! But every year students sit in their homerooms for two hours and go over it, page by page.

Most students had their own opinion of the "rule" book. Some liked it, while a vast majority did not.

Junior Eric Chasko said, "I think the handbook is a waste of time."

Agreeing wholeheartedly, junior Holly Szmuto stated, "I think there are too many rules. A lot of the rules are little and make no sense what so ever."

However, junior English teacher Jill Mangold stated, "I feel it is an excellent 'hands-on' printed account of all the regulations and guidelines of Portage. It provides new and transfer students with a factual list of all PHS rules and removes the misconception and misunderstandings that

arise from 'word-of-mouth.'"

Students heard Mr. Forest Rhode or Mr. Lowell Johnson explain to them the first day of school, as they woke up and became acquainted with old buddies. Most students did not feel they should have had to listen to the do's and don't's of Portage High School.

Junior Tony Galati said, "I think they should only review it your freshman year and maybe even your sophomore year."

Many students thought this time was the most boring part of the first day and most felt that it could have been easily "jazzed up" in one way or another.

The reading of the handbook was thought of by many as an important part of the first day of school because it set up the guidelines and boundaries to live by during the school year. It kept the students informed of rules and it solved the famous words "but I didn't know it was wrong."

-Rich Cap

“...they should stop telling us what we can't do and start telling us what we can do! -- junior Tony Galati”



Junior Kelly Snitchler goes through what many thought was a grueling task, the reading of the handbook during the second semester review. Even after the handbook had been read through at the beginning of the year, the administration felt it was necessary to go through the handbook for a second time to emphasize what students can and cannot do. The administration also wanted to make sure that there is no doubt in anyone's mind about what school expectations were.

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Camecha Ibrahim
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Mara Johansson
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Robert Johnson
David Johnston
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Cindy Lush
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Michael Luttrell
Sheila Lynch





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Roger Mendez
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Holly Miles
Jamie Miles
Lori Miley
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Jeffrey Miller

Crystal Mittenburger
Holly Mizeko
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Eric Motta
Jennifer Moxaby
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Christel Moore
Jeffrey Moore
Rachel Moore
Deanne Morales
Michele Morales
Carl Morris
Carrie Moyer

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Vanessa Murrow
Bryan Myers
Kevin Napier

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Sympathetic students decide to put their talents together and give

urricane Help

Hurricane Andrew struck Florida in the middle of August bringing destruction to homes, neighborhoods and lives. The destruction was so great that families were forced to sleep in shelters.

Not many people at PHS knew of someone who was hit by Hurricane Andrew, but the devastation affected the students all the same. The students' sympathy came in the form of pocket change given at lunch time to help the victims of Hurricane Andrew.

Junior Jesus Mendez said at the time that if he could have he would have given money to help them.

Amber Chavez, junior, said, "I would try to rebuild and start from scratch."

Most people are scared of hurricanes. A lot of people would have been devastated if something like a hurricane were to happen to them.

Junior Chasity Alfaro said, "If something like a hurricane would hit PHS it would be really sad because it

would hurt a lot of people and destroy a lot of lives."

Furthermore, Adam Sanchez, junior, said that he would be worried about his future.

"What would happen with my education?" Adam asked.

Jesus said that if he was going to die in a hurricane, his last wish would be world peace.

Chasity said that if she dies in a hurricane, she would want her boyfriend, Brian, to know that she will always love him.

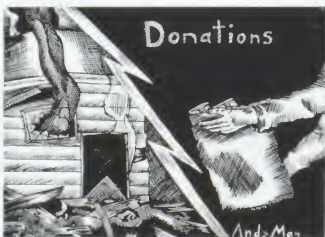
People in the school spent some of their time helping the people affected

by the disaster. The C.O.I.L. class and Mr. Michael Lemond, sponsor, presented a check of two thousand dollars to the Salvation Army on Friday, Aug. 18 at 8 a.m. in main office A. The C.O.I.L. class and Student Council raised all the money through donations from the student body and at a football game. The money was used for the victims of Hurricane Andrew to rebuild and recover from the tragic experience.

-Maribel Gonzalez

"I would be worried about my future. What about my education?" -- junior Adam Sanchez

A. Novak





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John Yahasz
Jemmer Zehner
Jill Zimmer

Jeremy Zimmer

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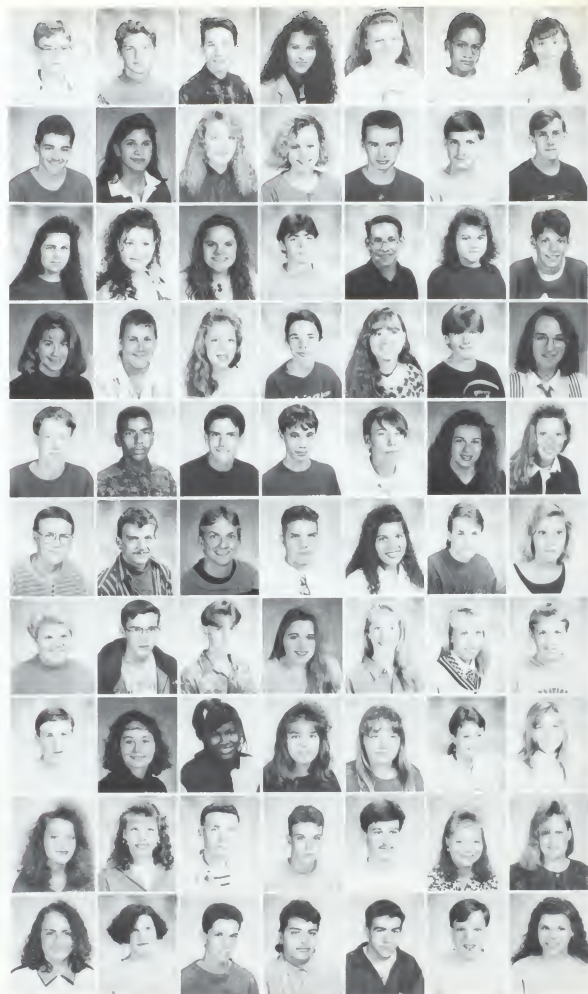
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Shocking situations and stories about the lives of scared sophomores

Sophomores Tell All

Her clock reads 9 p.m. as she prepares for bed. Crawling under the covers while taking in a deep breath, her eyes begin to close. All of a sudden, the walls around her begin to creak. In an instant, she's wide awake and all efforts to scream for mommy are

suffocated by the darkness surrounding her. Now, all she can think about are those psychotic clowns crawling out from under her bed.

Everyone has a couple of fears in their lifetime whether it's being petrified of heights or a type of insect.

Matt Brown, sophomore, said, "When I was younger I used to be afraid of dark rooms because I couldn't see what was around me."

On the other hand, Nicole Laird,

D. Jennings

sophomore, replied, "It used to be Freddy Krueger that I was afraid of because he came into your dreams and he was just plain ugly."

David Newton, sophomore, said, "I was afraid of this coconut that looked like a pirate. My cousin always told me it was alive and that it wanted to kill me."

To avoid their phobias, some students may wear a certain piece of jewelry or just sleep with the covers pulled over their head. Others learn to ignore their fears.

Erin Hamilton, sophomore, said, "I sleep with my colorful fish pillow and my covers pulled over my

"I sleep with my colorful fish pillow and my covers over my head. -- Erin Hamilton, sophomore."

head."

On the contrary, Christy Menendez, sophomore, said, "I hated snakes when I was younger because they're slimy, intimidating and creepy. So if I see a snake inside my house, I'd lock myself in a room until the snake was demolished."

Students all over the world are afraid of many things, such as sexually transmitted diseases, war, drugs and the crazy people letting their psychotic thoughts of murdering innocent people take over.

For example, Brian Fugate, sophomore, said, "I am afraid of Japanese businessmen because I think they're buying out our country."

On the contrary, Dana Floyd, sophomore, said, "I'm afraid of needles. I still cry every time I have to get a shot."

Clowns are laughing and dancing frantically around her room. She can't take the pounding of her heart anymore. She throws her pillow on the floor and jumps wildly on it. She stretches for the light switch and the room is instantly lit up.

-Kerry Kubeck

Students have a few fears in their lifetime. Mathew Kniola, sophomore, concentrates on the ladder because of his fear of heights.



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Nichole Collins
Richard Collins
Chris Connolly
Jeremy Conner
Shannon Conner
Sean Connors

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Sarah Cool
Kam Cooper
Tim Cooper
Tina Corbett
Kurt Courtney
William Cowell

Brain Cox
Jason Cox
Anne Crockett
David Crook
Kathryn Crum
Anne Marie Cruz
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Matthew Cullen
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Ryan Curran
David Czapla

Kevin Daghy
Monica Daisch
Kerry Dailey
Christopher Damjanoski
Rager Darnell
Michael Davenport
Suzanne Davey

Michael David
Clay Davis
Paul Davis
Michael De Leon
Laura Demmon
Jamie Denny
Jennifer DePaula

Norma Diaz
Shane Diaz
Steve Dick
Connie Deeken
Tiffany Dillard
Briana Dixon
Shannon Dodd

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 Antonio Gutierrez
 Billy Haddins
 Craig Hamersley
 Erin Hamilton

Students express feelings about being a sophomore at high school when

Climbing a New Step

You've made it. A year of constant teasing and being known as "freshman." Now you've climbed a step higher and you're the one who is doing all the teasing. Doesn't it feel great to know you are no longer the "low man on the totem pole?" To some sophomores the change was great.

"Being a sophomore is great. We don't get picked on anymore," Shana Doll, sophomore, said.

"I think it is awesome! Freshmen are teased so much this year," Amy Baum, sophomore, said.

Shane Evans, sophomore, said, "I think it is much closer to graduation."

"We don't get picked on anymore. It is so cool," Jim Hampton, sophomore, said.

Nevertheless, not all sophomores agreed, some didn't see any changes.

Lisa McKay, sophomore, said, "I don't think there is any change. We still get teased."

Sophomore Sarah Cool agreed,

"Sophomores still get teased. I also have to walk back to the other building as much as I did last year."

Although sophomores were a step higher, orientation day was still a must.

Many sophomores were trying to find friends on that first day of school.

"I was wondering who was in my classes," Sarah said.

While some students were trying to find their friends, others had different thoughts on their mind.

Sophomore Jennifer Hunter said, "I was wondering if I would be able to find all of my classes."

Lisa asked later, "Why are we here? Sophomores shouldn't have orientation day!"

The first day of sophomore year, anticipation that had been built up since the beginning of freshman year seemed to explode. Some of the sophomores took their turn at irritating the new freshmen. Many sophomores teased in the same way they had been teased the year before.

-Sarah McEwan

Being a sophomore is closer to graduation --
Shane Evans,
sophomore.



When sophomores entered the East building, a lot of new things surrounded them, such as having bigger lockers, new teachers and two cafeterias. Sophomore Trina Shaefer and senior Eric Swaney get to know each other during their lunch hour. Others got to meet students during the after school activities.





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Tawnya Hamilton
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Sigel Haney
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Richard Hawkins
Ken Heath
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Craig Heidt
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Don Hoernig
Ryan Hicks
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Chuck Hoopingarner
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Chad Hultman
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Jaime Kawewski
Justin Kay
Ryan Keen
Megan Kelly
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Amy Kosh
Kara Kitchell

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 Dan Pagan
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Students express their thoughts about the arrival of a new rule to PHS called the

New No Hats Policy

As students entered PHS for the first day of school, many realized something different. There were many signs above the doors that read, "NO HATS ALLOWED." Students reacted in different ways about the no hats policy.

When asked about the new rule, sophomore Jill Malcom replied, "I think that the hat thing is dumb, but I thought it was good because of the gangs. Wearing hats was a privilege for other students who were not in gangs."

Jennifer Forrer, sophomore, stated, "I think the hat idea was a good one because PHS is a place to learn. Wearing hats has had too many problems with gangs."

David Platt, sophomore, stated, "I think it's an okay policy. I personally

didn't wear a hat in school that much last year and would not wear one this year."

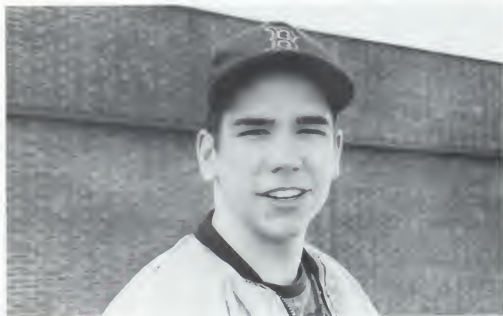
Kim LeHockey, sophomore, added to what David said, "I think if we do have a dress code, it won't change anything. Students just won't be able to pick the gang members out, which could cause problems."

Sophomore Mike Sandoval said, "The no hats policy is fine. Although, for other students I think the hats should be worn."

Mr. Forrest Rhode, later in the year, announced that students may wear their hats outside school premises and only at the athletic games after school. Many learned to accept this "no hats" rule.

-Cassie Richart

I think wearing hats has had too many problems with gangs. -- sophomore Jennifer Forrer.



Students entering PHS quickly removed their hats or stuck them in their lockers until the end of the day because of the new rule announced this year that was created to stop gang identification. Many didn't like the new policy, but they had to learn to cope with it. Jim Vernon, sophomore, respects the "no hats rule" by wearing his hat outside.





Mary Passarelli
Victoria Pastore
Bryan Patterson
Jerry Paul
Douglas Pauley
Anthony Pavewitz
Josh Peck
Roger Peede
Stephanie Pelot

Eddie Penkala
Matt Pepoff
Herman Perez
Jayme Perez
Rachel Persuhn
Cindy Peters
Daniel Puddington
Kim Peyer
Karen Pietrocki

David Platt
Douglas Plimovich
James Poe
Kellie Poe
Charles Polarek
Elizabeth Pope
Stephanie Porcino
Justin Posavac
Andre Postelmann

Kristy Praschak
Heather Price
Jessica Provens
Crystal Pruitt
Clint Pullen
Michael Rake
Amy Kaman
Talia Ramsay
Sandi Rattray

Ryan Reager
Dan Ream
Jennifer Reckenwall
Scott Redigonda
Edward Reilly
Sabrina Reid
Scott Renhart
Joe Remm
Aaron Reynolds

Aaron Rhame
Matthew Rice
Cassie Richart
Darren Richeson
Cassia Richeson
Margaret Richeson
Ryan Ritter
Mette Robbins
Kimberly Robertson

Michael Rodich
Marcon Rodriguez
Ramona Rodriguez
Brian Rogers
Jaime Rogers
Mike Rogers
Erin Rohrborg
Tiffany Rokke
Carla Rollins

Tara Rootke
Tamara Ross
Teresa Rossman
Heather Rothchild
Marc Rubens
Tina Ruch
Alex Ruecia
Jodi Russell
Destin Sandoval

Mike Sandoval
Tom Sandrey
Katrina Schaefer
Tara Scheringa
Kurt Scheller
Jonathan Schiller
Anthony Schulte
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Margan Sedan
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Stephen Shultz
Melissa Sibley

Lana Siegel
Amy Silverthorn
Raeel Simola
Carrie Sypch
Bradley Skafish
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Christina Smith
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Galen Smith
Greg Smith
Justin Smith

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Tosha Sutherland
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Alisa Terry
Cari Taylor
Eric Taylor
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Monica Teao
Joey Thelen
Michael Thompson
Shaun Thompson
Brian Thorn
Bryan Tidwell
Laura Tiger

Virginia Tillman
Christina Timm
April Tobias
Fred Tokarchuck
Jeremy Torres
Christopher Torres
Theresa Torres

Joey Trathen
Christopher Truman
Ralph Tschida
Chet Turner
David Turpin
Ryan Tuthill
Joseph Urban





Deann Uzalec
Jim Volpatic
Angela Vanni
Vanessa Vargas
Amber Vautt
Todd Veden
Dana Vega

Cara Velez
Karen Vella
Jayson Verpo
Jennifer Via
Jill Via
Jason Vincent
Christina Vlamos

Irene Vlamos
Mary Vlamos
Sarah Wadle
Jennifer Walker
Shawn Walker
Shelley Walker
Alana Wallace

Kim Warner
Courtney Warren
Damon Waslewski
Heather Waugh
Martin Webb
Jamie Weber
Christina Wedding

Laura Weeks
Joan Werbowatz
Amanda West
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Tim White
Jaime Whited
Renee Whiteman

Bill Whiteside
Thomas Whittaker
Christina Wilder
Sharon Wilfong
Jason Wilkie
Teresa Wilkins
Bill Willey

Heather Williams
Nanci Williams
Jennifer Wilson
Stephanie Wilson
Bill Wineland
Kari Wiseman
Jennifer Wisnevska

Keith Wisniller
Carlyle Withereff
Melinda Witt
Tina Witter
Jennifer Wolf
Jeremy Woodall
Roger Worak

Jessica Wright
Joe Wyatt
Michael Wyman
Joshua Young
Christopher Zaragoza
Chris Zarikas
Stephanie Zella

Josh Zimmer

Ronia About Hoon
 Lori Adams
 Jill Adameks
 Valeria Armenta
 Christina Alana
 Joel Alderson
 Lester Allman
 Christopher Alap
 Bryan Anderson

Shawn Arden
 Rhonda Arend
 Sonny Armenta
 Angela Armenta
 Jory Aunkalus
 Brandon Austin
 Eric Bailey
 Michelle Bailey
 Scott Bailey

Brett Baker
 Joe Baker
 Alex Balazs
 Cheryl Banks
 Carlos Barajas
 Joann Barbery
 Jeremy Barker
 Samantha Barnes
 Amanda Barnett

Jennifer Bartley
 Andrea Batista
 Brian Bauer
 Chris Beach
 Kristin Behling
 William Benoit
 Becky Bersek
 Randall Berry
 Cynthia Beckham

Kristy Bilderback
 Timothy Bingham
 Kristen Bjork
 Michelle Blackburn
 Kevin Blaha
 Darrell Blanchard
 Cylil Blinn
 Timothy Blouir
 Heather Bolton

Tom Boney
 Christopher Bonner
 Steve Brayke
 Jeremy Branshaw
 Joshua Branshaw
 James Brasseur
 David Brezau
 Johann Breung
 Jason Brewer

Michelle Brigham
 Janel Brink
 Michael Brockway
 Karl Brown
 Kevin Brown
 Michelle Brown
 David Brubaker
 Jennifer Bruegger
 Jacqueline Buila

Duston Bullard
 Chad Burton
 Patrick Burton
 Ryan Burton
 Jessica Busong
 Michael Caille
 Catherine Campbell
 Cindy Campbell
 Jamie Campbell

William Campbell
 Steve Campos
 Maria Cantu
 Charles Cassimeri
 Jennifer Cap
 Andrea Cardenas
 Shandi Carlson
 Eric Carman
 Rodney Carnahan

Irandy Carrillo
 Jessica Carter
 David Castillas
 Tony Castille
 Judith Castro
 Erica Cates
 Wendy Caudill
 Leticia Cavanaugh
 Don Chase



Students sometimes realize that open concept can be a minor problem

Being Way too Loud

"Shhhh!" This could have been a familiar sound coming from every freshman classroom. The reason for this was that West has no walls, just dividers. Students may have also heard their teachers as well as other teachers on each side of their classroom.

"The classrooms stink because you can hear other teachers teaching," freshman Ryan Reber said.

"The open concept idea is okay, but sometimes you get disturbed from people walking back and forth in the hallways being noisy," freshman Joel Anderson said.

Often students that were taking tests were disturbed by the amount of noise coming from the classrooms next door. Many complained that this distracted them from concentrating on what they should have been working on.

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“The classrooms stink because you hear other teachers. -- freshman Ryan Reber”

Freshman Megan Kester said, "Sometimes the other class will be so loud. It makes your concentration go towards what you're hearing from other rooms rather than your test."

Some students believe the real problem was the effect the open concept system gave the learning process of some students.

Freshman Samantha Barnes said, "It doesn't matter where you are, if you want to learn, you'll learn it."

"Sometimes the open concept idea might affect the learning process because students in the other classrooms throw things

across the walls or people carry on in the hallways," Joel added.

No other school in Porter County has open concept classrooms, this is what may make PHS unique. Students put up with loud classes and no privacy because of the open concept at West.

-Shelley Djurich



freshman English teacher Miss Barb Ledyard teaches in Room A10 at Portage High School West. Freshmen Elizabeth Slayton, Heidi Hedstrom and Christina Smith all work together quietly on an English assignment in this open concept room. New renovations were made at West this year to replace the old dividers with new half walls, along with this, the roof was replaced.

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Brian Chelich
Karl Cheng
Christopher Childers
Aaron Chinn
Joseph Christian
Eric Christy

Kim Cipich
Jessica Corbie
Conchetta Cusillo
Zachariah Civillina
Kathy Claudis
Derek Clem
Kelly Clendaniel

Michelle Click
Stacey Clifford
Kelly Close
Amanda Cohen
Sean Cohen
Nidia Colorado
Mauro Colunga

Joshua Cooper
Bryan Cools
James Corbett
Angela Corral
Martin Costello
Anthony Covelli
Eric Cox

Daniel Crawford
Tom Crasman
Kelly Creech
Jerry Crowsell
James Crowl
Melissa Crench
Jason Cronin

Bobbie Crowder III
Kelly Crowe
Stephan Crowell
Catherine Crowley
Kevin Crowmeyer
Jayme Cundiff
Susan Curley

Scott Curran
James Daniel
Jack Darnell
Erica Davis
Stephanie Dawson
Tina De Los Santos
Mark Dean

Jodie Deckard
Jeremy Dehaven
Kim DeJesus
Matthew Denko
Kevin Dennis
Tony DeVeto
Kevin DeVries

Sara DeWih
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Jerome Doser
Richard Dowden
David Dozier
Dan Duffler
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Christopher During
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Joseph Drug
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Steven Essel
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Michael Ellison
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Susan Fanchar
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George Ferguson
Erica Finkle
Shawn Fidler

Heather Fields
Jonathan Fields
Lisa Fields
Jose Fierro
Tina Fingerhooft
Francis Fink
Kristine Flick

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Norman Ford
Guannina Forman
Jann Fortini
Jennifer Fox
Chad Franks
Michael Frederick

Deanna Fultz
Jennifer Gales
Aaron Galindo
Brandon Galindo
Isela Gallardo
Jeremy Gallardo
Jaime Garapic

Phillip Garcia
Elizabeth Garner
Daniel Carrus
Nicole Gass
Slade Gentry
Elizabeth George
Chad Gerhart

Joseph Giangialto
Wendy Gilbert
Timothy Glancy
Kam Glass
Helena Golarz
Irm Goley
Mark Gonzales

Fernando Gonzalez
Miguel Gonzalez
Veronica Gonzalez
Rickey Good
Sarah Gorski
Heather Granzow
George Graves

Casi Gray
Elijah Gray
Kevin Green
Samantha Greenwell
Amanda Griffith
Wesley Griffith
Philip Grogan

Mark Gronek
Michael Grubich
Christopher Gulbransen
Michael Gurevitz
Michael Guth
Angela Gutierrez
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Jason Hallenbeck
Henry Hammond
Rebecca Hamstrom
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Michael Hansell
John Harbin
Nicole Hardaway
Michael Harkins
Kelli Harr

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Shelvin Harrington
Jaime Harris
Derek Hart
Kim Hasdell
Tami Hassie
Michael Hatula
Scott Haversstock
John Hedger

Heidi Hedstrom
Denise Henderson
Shannon Hennings
Joseph Henry
Christina Hernandez
Cynthia Hernandez
Peter Hernandez
Richard Hess
Shawn Heyse

Kelly Hill
Kevin Hilley
Nichole Hildrey
Megan Hodges
William Holman
Steven Hodgson
Ron Holland
Paul Holiday
James Holman

Jami Holman
Terry Hood
Jonathan Hoover
Heather Hoosa
Jamy Hotchkiss
Christopher Huerta
Jessica Huftord
Candice Hughes
Jaime Huntsman

Jessica Hutchins
Matthew Huttmacher
Kenneth Hyde
Christina Hunt
David Ilgen
Larry Jacobs
Shawna Jacobs
Kim Jacobs
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Eric Jaso
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Jenise Johns
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Amy Jones
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Carrie Jones
Dustin Jones

Scott Jones
Tony Jones
Jennifer Juhasz
Greg Kalletta
Nick Karrs
Daniel Karwack
Edmond Karwack
Michael Kogley
Michael Kelly

Shane Kelley
Erik Kemp
Megan Kester
Jeff Kang
Tiffany Korchner
Maggie Kirk
Tammy Koser
Andy Koh
Heather Kitchen

Beth Klakoski
Peter Klassen
Dawn Kleckner
Bryce Klimek
Anna Klumpe
Monika Klys
Todd Kolbitz
Trace Kowler
April Koukol





From middle school to high school can be a big change for some students



New Beginning

Aug. 19 was orientation day for freshmen who were given a day to find their classes around Portage High School.

"It was quite interesting," Tony DePerio, freshman said.

Interesting could have described many of the students first day at PHS West. Freshman Matthew Hutmacher was afraid to even walk through the doors.

Some student's thought their first day was "Ok." Damon Thompson, freshman, said, "It's cool that you get to see friends you haven't seen over the summer."

Students were meeting new teachers, new friends and finding their way around a new building. Damon didn't have any trouble finding his classes in the West building, although he did find it harder to find classes in

the East building.

Freshman Ryan Watkins walked into two classes that weren't even on his schedule.

Freshman Andy Mann was late to study hall, he couldn't find the auditorium. Some students found their classes and didn't have any trouble.

Kathy Ostertag, freshman, said, "I thought it was easy."

Freshman David Sonn recalled orientation as a fairly good day because he moved back from California. David later added, "People were freaking out when I walked into class

because I came back from California."

At 2:35 p.m. the final bell rang. Students hurried once again to find a friend. Students went to their lockers to gather up personal belongings and again their were getting back on the buses.

-Bryan Bush

I wondered what it would be like. -- freshman Darrell Blanchard



Aug. 19 was underclassmen orientation day. Out of 695 people enrolled as a freshman at PHS an estimated 675 attended their first day at school. The Class of '96 eventually all met in the auditorium to go over the important situations that occur during the day. After the students found their homeroom teachers, the handbook was explained over the intercom.

Brian Kral
Jason Kress
Patricia Kuback
Charles Kukla
Angela Kukukus
Lindsay Kurczewski
Jason Lach

Deanna Laird
Cassie Lamb
Catherine Landeros
Stacy Lauper
Brian Lazinski
Matt Leornman
Stacy Lee

Jason Leismier
Robert Lemmon
Amanda Lemmond
James Lenburg
Terri Lenko
Lon Lesnick
Jacque Leto

Jeff Levenda
Susan Lewis
Ricky Littlefield
Kelly Livingston
Daniel Lomas
Jennifer Lorraine
Christie Loving

Jessica Low
Kevin Lunn
Patrick Lynch
Mike Lyon
Michael MacDonald
Chris Mace
Brenda Manion

Andrew Mann
Jason Mann
Jason Manna
Abigail Maromkovich
Jason Marcotte
Jeff Marrs
Trisha Martin

Matthew Martinez
Trinity Martz
Eric Mason
Raymon Mayernik
Kelly McAllister
Michael McBride
Lauren McCall

Shawn McCance
Josh McCaslin
Jennifer McCulloch
Holly McCure
Rebecca McDougal
Craig McGill
Ryan McGuire

Jodie McHargue
Mike McKay
Rob McKay
Carmen McKee
Mark McKinney
Michele McLean
Nicole McLean

Ryan McMaster
Sean Master
Angela McWhurter
Josh Mead
Kurtin Mead
Sherry Meeks
Steve Meeks





Tracy Melcher
Courtney Melvin
Ruben Mender
Tatiana Mendizabal
Heather Merrell
John Meyer
Bill Muck

Rhannon Mikusevic
Becky Miles
Dana Mielisch
Craig Miller
Tiffany Miller
Cory Mitchell
Jason Monacy

Richard Morgan
David Morris
Nick Morris
Kim Mosley
Christina Mosier
James Mote
Matt Moyle

Kim Mrak
Robert Muir
Carrie Mulvihill
Jessica Mundell
Annette Munoz
Nick Munoz
Sarah Murphy

Scott Murray
Eric Murray
Wendy Nealey
Crystalina Nefott
Bridgette Nelson
Byron Nelson
David Nelson

Aaron Newman
Jaime Neyhart
Lesley Nicholson
Joseph Nicos
Sherry O'Boyle
Tina Ochoa
Connie Ochuto

Jim O'Dor
Tim O'Neal
Tom Orange
John Ortiz
Samantha Ortmann
Lena Ortiz
Terry Osulizo

Kathy Osterlag
Scott Overbey
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Colette Owen
Dan Owens
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Robert Ozbolt

Evyonne Fagan
Crystal Palmer
Daniel Panagias
Loreta Pardo
Jeremy Parker
Eric Parlick
Eric Parsley

Nickil Patel
Ronald Pavlinac
Scott Pawlick
Tom Paxton
David Payne
Paul Payne
Carl Pedone

Becky Pelke
Adrian Perez
Adriana Perez
Ruben Perez
Amanda Petretta
Karen Platak
Nathan Pickett
Eric Pickford
Amy Pickard

Michael Pierce
David Tach
Ian Pittman
Jennifer Plunkett
Jennifer Pollard
Shana Pollock
Abraham Pomales
Terry Posavac
Ryan Press

Jill Priest
Carol Prigge
Michael Prusynski
Dale Pryle
Chris Puhogon
Christina Pullins
Dione Pulsoni
Jeremy Putman
Christy Raman

Julie Ramian
Matthew Ray
Robert Ray
Ryan Reber
Robert Reed
Steven Renner
Michelle Revour
David Reynolds
Delores Reynolds

Michelle Reynoso
Kevin Rhodes
Candice Richardson
Sean Ringler
Dellin Ross
Vince Rother
David Rivera
Nancy Rivera
Nicole Robbins

Jonathan Rockwell
Alfred Rodriguez
Dorette Rodriguez
Robert Rodriguez
Richard Rosema
Marcus Rogala
Heath Rogers
Billy Roman
Christy Rook

Brandie Rookie
Shannon Rose
Theodore Rosenquist
Krysia Rosowatz
Joan Rowe
Christopher Rowland
Frank Ruglas
April Russ
Shawn Russum

Bill Rzepka
Jennifer Sako
Laura Salyer
John Sarno
Ryan Samuels
Aaron Sanders
Ivyn Santana
Kristina Santopelli
Jennifer Scogiel

Jaime Scherff
Tina Schmal
John Schmidt
Michael Schneider
Catie Schmele
Julie Scholz
Sean Scott
Amy Scribner
Eric Serrano

Shawn Servaty
Gidget Servey
Eric Shastien
Jason Shurkey
Ron Shively
Robert Shrader
Melanie Shultz
Michael Simakes
Jennifer Simonski





Being at the bottom of the totem pole is not as bad as some had expected

From Bottom to Top

Freshman students had mixed feelings about starting school and being at the bottom of the totem pole again. Some were nervous, some were excited and some felt no different.

"I was so scared about starting school," freshman Amy Pierce said, "after I heard about how the upperclassmen supposedly treated the freshman. I didn't want to go, but everyone was really nice."

Freshman Courtney Melvin said, "I was afraid I wouldn't be able to find all of my classes."

This year's freshman class had more than just their friends to be excited about, they had a remodeled building to go to.

Freshman Chuck Kukla felt lucky about having a new building to start high school in. "I heard all of the horror stories about the roof caving in," he said.

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"I'm glad about the new lockers," freshman Joel Alderson said. "I saw how small the old lockers were."

The freshman students felt there were good and bad points about the first day of school.

Freshman Joe Vrska said, "I liked seeing all of my friends again, but I didn't like the reading of the handbook."

Everyone was really nice to me. -- freshman Amy Pierce

Freshman Kaimi Blaha said, "I didn't really like the handbook because I didn't like being read to for two hours, but the stuff in it was important and we had to hear it."

According to freshmen, being at the bottom of the totem pole wasn't as bad as everyone said it was. Going from a middle school to a high school was a big adjustment to some students. Students became acquainted more with this day by day.

- Amy James



Being a freshman at PHS brings many new opportunities for all of the students. Freshman Jann Fortini takes advantage of one of the many privileges, such as voting for freshmen class officers. Freshmen elections took place Sept. 4 on a Friday during all three lunch hours. During the week of Aug. 31 - Sept. 3 candidates hung poster boards throughout PHS West.

Josh Simmons
Brian Sims
Aaron Singleton
Danny Sisk
Jason Skolak
Tim Slankowski
Elizabeth Sutton

Christy Slease
Alicia Smith
Anthony Smith
Curtis Smith
Heather Smith
Jaclyn Smith
Jim Smith

Kristeen Smith
Sacey Smolucki
David Sonn
Natalie Sosa
Tom Sosa
Michele Soto
Jake Spears

Lisa Spence
Leslie Sprague
Chris Spurrer
Vanessa Spurrer
Jeneze Stallord
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Buddy Statum

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Cone Surpeman
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Ken Timm
Lisa Timmerman

Lisa Timmons
Laura Tinnet
Christina Torchia
Valentine Torres
Arthur Torres
Jason Toth
Adam Trinks





Tonya Tucker
Tammy Tutko
Matthew Twombly
Tim Valdivia
Jessica Van de Water
Jacqueline Van Vleet
Lous Varner

John Vasas
Natalie Vasquez
Luis Vazquez
Damen Ventura
Vanessa Vespo
Salma Viera
Amber Vitteio

David Voss
Joe Vrska
Jerry Waggle
Robin Walczak
Anthony Walker
Peet Walker
Jessica Walker

William Walker
Liz Walsh
Terry Wampler
David Warren
Alan Wauburn
Heather Watkins
Ryan Watkins

Dawn Watson
Jennifer Watson
Jaime Webber
Jeremy Welch
James Weldon
Nick Wellman
Christy Wells

Jimmy Whited
Shawn Whison
Chris Whitten
Greg Whitten
Kam Whitten
David Wighamam
Dawn Wildnick

Keri Williams
Mark Williams
Jedidah Williams
Michael Wilson
Tibbey Wilson
Lisa Wnengger
Christopher Wineland

Stephen Winicky
Brandon Winters
Crystal Woodard
Arthur Wright
Mark Wroblewski
Jeremy Wsough
Melissa Yates

Shannon Yan
Paul York
Kelly Zapanucha
April Zeitman
George Zeevich
Jaon Zell
Sarah Zimmerman

Renee Zona
Nick Zornick

Summer Attractions

Have trouble picturing a teacher hauling away a troublemaker on the front lines at a Grateful Dead show? This duty, among others, befell Mr. John DeCoster, psychology teacher, on his summer job as a security supervisor for the World Music Theater in Tinley Park, IL.

Summer jobs were not limited to students. Every summer, teachers flocked to their new jobs doing things some students could never picture.

Mr. DeCoster, who was moonlighting on the front lines of music for the past three summers, found his work exciting.

"I have always liked to do something different in my summers," Mr. DeCoster said. "I knew that they were building this outdoor theater and it sounded rather intriguing."

After meeting job requirements, such as an FBI check and 20 hours of training, Mr. DeCoster started work at the World.

Among the fringe benefits connected to the job, Mr. DeCoster found himself continually being thrust into new music adventures.

"I've been exposed to all kinds of music that I was not aware of before," Mr. DeCoster said. "Some I like and some I don't, but I'm not the one buying the ticket."

Along with hearing the music, Mr. DeCoster had the opportunity to meet some famous performers. Among them were Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead, Cher, Oprah Winfrey and Fred Schneider of the B-52's.

There were many

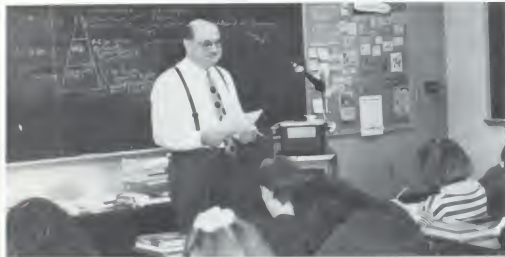
memorable moments.

"Last summer at the B-52's there were 30,000 people and the restroom sewers could not handle what was going on."

But things like these were everyday occurrences for the security supervisor at a music theater.

-Linda Koehler

"I have always liked to do something different in my summers. -- Mr. John DeCoster"



during the school year Mr. John DeCoster is known by most students as the psychology teacher who teaches class like he is here during 3rd hour. Over the summer, however, Mr. DeCoster was a security guard at the World Music Theater in Tinley Park, IL. Many teachers found summer jobs that filled their time while school was out.





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Miss Gerni Kotyuk English, JV and Varsity Cheerleaders, Pep Club
Miss Kathy Kotyuk English, JV and Varsity Cheerleaders, Pep Club

Mrs. Arlene Kramer Media Center
Mrs. Judy Kregger Child Development
Ms. Annette Kulmatsky Art, Brush and Palette
Mrs. Dorothy Kurtz English
Mrs. Jane Larson Business
Mr. Jerry Lasky Economics, JV Basketball, Freshman Basketball, Boys' Baseball
Miss Barbara Ledyard English
Mrs. Linda Lemond English
Mr. Michael Lemond History, Econ., COIL

Mrs. Donna Lenburg Business
Mr. Tom Levandowski Physical Education, Baseball
Mrs. Clara Lilly Health Aide
Mrs. Shirley Lindquist Business
Mr. Mike Lipinski Phys. Ed., Girls' Swimming
Mrs. Sue Lipinski Math, Girls' Basketball
Mr. Henry Loeff Science, Dept. Chair
Mrs. Sara Lux Counselor
Mrs. Donna MacArthur Business

Mrs. Jill Mangold English, Academic Competition, Sage
Mrs. Barbara Mason English, Humanities
Mr. Richard Mason Science, Girls' Tennis
Mr. David Masti Chinese, French, FLHS, French Club
Mrs. Kay Matteson Media Center
Mr. Robert Mattix Science, P.E., Football
Mr. James McCabe Math, Boys' Track/Cross Country
Mrs. Gail McDonald JROTC, English office
Mrs. Sue McPherson French

Mr. Tom McPherson: Vocational
 Mrs. Phyllis McPherson: Physical Education
 Mr. Dan Merrill: Health, Trainer
 Mr. Warren Miller: Choir, Chorus, Girls' Glee
 Mr. Terry Milner: Physical Education
 Mrs. Jill Milner: Accounting
 Mr. Tom Milner: Health, Physical Education, Boys
 Truck

Mrs. Tamara Minks: English
 Mrs. Arpina Monnava: Spanish
 Miss Sylvia Mora: Spanish
 Mrs. Kris Morris: Science
 Mrs. Lisa Moser: Prevocational Education
 Mrs. Pat Moyers: Computer room
 Mr. Robert Mullin: Science

Mr. Ralph Mundi: Government, Boys' Swim
 Mr. Terry Murphy: Business
 Mrs. Arlene Neill: English, Words
 Mr. Dennis Norman: English, Speech, Creative Writing
 Mr. David Orsua: Guidance Counselor
 Mrs. Sherry Orliff: English
 Mrs. Ruth Parks: Physical Education

Mrs. Carrie Parsons: Prevocational Education
 Mrs. Lori Pavell: Business
 Mr. Mike Pavell: Assistant Principal
 Mrs. Linda Peda: Spanish
 Mr. Rob Prelwitz: Special Education
 Mrs. Karen Prew: Physical Education, Gymnastics,
 Dept. Chair
 Mrs. Christine Pruitt: Social Studies

Mr. Victor Raster: Marching, Lah, Pep and Middle School Band
 Mr. Forrest Rhode: Principal
 Mrs. Marlene Rhode: Media Center
 Mrs. Sharon Roche: Life Skills
 Mr. Jim Samuel: Assistant Principal
 Mr. Bill Scott: Latin, English
 Mrs. Kathy Schwengendorf: English

Mr. Darryl Schultz: Math
 Ms. June Susack: Physical Education
 Mrs. Kathy Shrader: Math, Honor Society
 Mr. Raymond Sifrig: Typing
 Mrs. Marjorie Slankowski: Business
 Mrs. Laurie Smock: Math, Fun Pops
 Mrs. Brigitte Soemir: Spanish

Mr. Joseph Sparacino: Math
 Mrs. Mary Sparacino: Math, Dept. Chair
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 Ms. Sheila Stevenson: Guidance Counselor
 Mrs. Patricia Strawbridge: Science
 Mrs. Anne Straubach: Secretary

Mrs. Madeline Summers: Guidance
 Mr. Robert Symer: Band, Dept. Chair
 Mr. Leroy Tharp: Science
 Mr. William Timmerman: Band
 Mr. Charles Tomsa: Math
 Mrs. Gail Trebaugh: Prevocational Education
 Mr. Marlin Trogie: Vocational Education

Mr. Pete Turpa: U.S. History, World History
 Mrs. Renee Turpa: Prevocational Education, U. S. His-
 tory, English, Speech
 Mrs. Tina Van Gundy: Special Education
 Mrs. Paula Wise: Physical Education, Art Founda-
 tion, Drawing, Ceramics
 Major David White: JROTC
 Mr. William Wilke: Physical Education, Boys Cross
 Country
 Mr. Robert Wilson: Math

Mrs. Yan Wolfman: Physics
 Mrs. Donna Yakor: Science
 Mrs. Dawn Yovanovich: Media Center



The educators of today explain how they decided to shape the world when

Teachers Plan the Future

Often, although students and teachers interacted daily and shared a wide variety of feelings together, teachers sometimes missed the chance to tell the story of why they chose their profession and what they thought of teaching in general.

Creative Writing and English teacher Mr. Dennis Norman said he wanted to teach since, "... junior high for sure, and from high school on I never thought of anything else." He believed that teaching goes beyond testing and lecturing. "I hope I've got more to offer students than just book knowledge ... there is life knowledge ... and I hope that comes across when I teach."

Like Mr. Norman, band director Mr. Victor Racster thought teaching involved more than the mere events that occurred daily in class.

"Teaching is not what they (students) learn or know; it's not just the necessary facts. There is responsibility, there is world knowledge ... someday these students will have a job and they will have to learn to cope and deal with people. Citizenship is the most important thing ... we teach them how to survive."

Not all teachers have wanted to teach since childhood. Mr. Racster decided that teaching was the job for him in a more gradual way. It began when he was eating lunch with a friend at Ball State University,

and although teaching was not a lifelong dream, he cared about students just as much as any other teacher.

Teachers have a great responsibility in shaping the personalities of their students each year. Mr. Racster summed up his feelings when he said, "We (teachers) are the big brothers, we are the big sisters ... teachers shape the world."

English teacher Mrs. Tamara Minks had an undecided major in college at Purdue University. Mrs. Minks did not want to become a teacher because there were 23 teachers on her father's side of the family. Mrs. Minks became a peer tutor in a writing lab. After becoming a peer tutor, she decided to major in English.

Mrs. Minks said that, "It must be in my blood line." Although she tried not to become a teacher, she could not deny her destiny. Mrs. Minks has been teaching

for eight years. She taught one year at Warsaw High School and has taught here for the remaining seven years.

Mr. Richard Shearer was talked into becoming a teacher by his wife in 1955.

Some teachers knew when they were very young that they wanted to become teachers, and yet others did not yet know until later.

-Gina Gesmond

"... we have a multipurpose job ... teachers shape the world -- Mr. Victor Racster"



School Board First Row- Glenda Owens, Sally Olsen. Row 2: Charles Moseley, Terry Hufford, John Williams



Cooks Front Row: Dorothy Peterson, Pat Morris, Myra Dixon, Wanda Fitzgerald, Bobbie Gobin (Head Cook) Row 2: Chris Marsden, Lea Campbell, Linda Showalterbaugh, Bev Williams, Dale Lindstrom, Julie Bumbales Row 3: Marsha Stephens, Lois Mollick, Dana Major, Carol Chabes, Joy Rohde, Fran Mathis, Sharon Salain, Pat Bonvissuto, Judy Havrilla (Assistant Food Service Director).

Unique programs draw numbers to clubs and organizations

In a school as large as ours, diversity plays a major role in student life. There are approximately 40 different clubs offered to the students to cater to their many differences in talent, interest and needs. How many high schools have clubs similar to the Medieval club, a group that learns about medieval times by reenacting them, the Chemistry-is-fun club,



Seniors Jackie Hazzard and Mike Pappas entertained the crowd at the Variety Show, which was sponsored by the Thespians.

Prayer Group, or the Gifted/Talented Art students program? Thanks to student interest and con-



Senior Stacie Cook cheers on the senior class at the fall Homecoming pep rally. The cheerleaders were an important factor in pumping up the crowds at games.

Art teacher Mrs. Jane Lowenstine wrote a proposal to the gifted/

talented program

start the Gifted/Talented Art program.

took field trips and learned how to make

pulp and carve wood engravings to make prints. The program gave the students a chance to see a different side of the art world and create unique and special things.

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students of different types.

E. Smith



At a Chinese club meeting, senior Carly Melcher practices her brush strokes. The Chinese club took a trip to Chinatown in May.

Take 3!!



D. Jennings

Decorating a gourd at a Brush and Palette Halloween meeting, sophomore Bob Miley paints a face on his paucedo-jack-o-lantern.

Art Clubs

Therapeutic Value Considered

"Art is good therapy," Miss Annette Kulmatycki, art teacher and Brush & Palette sponsor, said.

Many art students agree that taking part in an art club is a stress reliever.

"I think it's worth it," Bob Miley, sophomore, said. "It's very educational in learning the processes of drawing and taking pictures," he said.

Students also have time to work on projects for their art and photography classes.

Jim Vernon, sophomore, finds advantages in taking part in DRAW, Brush & Palette and the photo club.

"In photo club and DRAW I get to work on my assignments from class," Jim said. "It's something to occupy my time," he added.

Mr. Joseph Koss, DRAW club sponsor, agrees that this is an advantage.

"If they need additional time for class projects they have that extra 2-3 hours a month here," he said.

"Basically," Mr. Koss said, "the purpose of the art and photography clubs is to give the kids an opportunity to express themselves other than in an art class."

Some students who plan

to go into art-related careers find that taking part in an art club helps them get prepared. Bob spoke of an interest in becoming an art/photography teacher.

"If I get good enough grades I'd like to teach. I like drawing and I like taking pictures. And I like to yell at kids," he said.

Being involved in an art club has other advantages. In the past, the various clubs have taken trips to the Dunes State Park, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago's Terra Museum, the Brookfield Zoo and have taken part in the Tri-County Student Art Show in Munster.

Another facet of the art club curriculum is the addition of its new Gifted and Talented program.

Tonya Pride, senior, is a member of the fifteen person program.

"We're using some of the money that Mrs. [Jane] Lowenstein got to go on fieldtrips and have workshops," she said.

The understanding of art is expressed in the quality and quantity of art clubs that have developed. It shows a love of and for the arts, and is another special attraction.

—Linda Koehler

Junior Christa Wasilewski and seniors Karly Melcher and Tonya Pride take a look at their surroundings during the fall fieldtrip to the Dunes. Such fieldtrips take place every semester for the photo classes.





DeJewlings

Just before Halloween, Tonya Pride, senior, takes part in a gourd painting party. Fun activities were part of the schedule for Brush & Palette.

Tiffanie Reid, senior, enjoys the beach. This field trip to the Dunes for the photo club was an opportunity for members to relax.



T. Reid

DRAW club—Front Row: Nicole Anderson, Heather Baugh, Tonya Pride, Christa Wasilewski, Sandra Casiano, Renae Deperio, Tiffanie Reid. **Back Row:** Mr. Joseph Koss, Jason Hatfield, Mike Barich, Ryan Churchill, Brian Watkins.



T. Reid

Photo club—Front Row: Crystal Henderson, Amy Thacker, Jennifer Volk. **Row 2:** Nicole Anderson, Vicki Carr, Tiffanie Reid, Sandy Samardija. **Row 3:** Mike Barich, Jason Hatfield, Heather Baugh, Connie Ochiute, Renae Deperio, Mr. Richard Shearer. **Back Row:** Tonya Pride.

Attention!

Only Orders in JROTC

Attention! About face! Forward march! These commands were some of the many taught in Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, more commonly known as JROTC.

Self-discipline, physical fitness, obedience and leadership were all qualities that made up the students of this class, according to most members.

"P.T., (physical training) is the hardest thing you do," Rhonda Arend, freshman, said, "because you work your butt off!"

Offering tough, time-consuming criteria to meet, JROTC was still embraced by students.

Beverly Doll, sophomore, said, "The most exciting thing in ROTC for me is P.T. because it teaches me that there are no limits. I can always do better."

Some members were angry because of criticism they received from other students.

"I think that people are rude, jealous and inconsiderate [when criticizing JROTC.] They don't know what we go through and how much effort we have to put into the whole program to get promoted to higher ranks and also to keep our grades up," Tawnya Hamilton,

sophomore, said.

JROTC members will never forget the times when all they could feel was utter joy. The new friends made and the awards won could be a moment one will remember.

For example, Amy Tucker, junior, said, "My most memorable moment was when we went to orientation. We got to be trained like real military people. We also got to go through an obstacle course."

Certain awards, events or accomplishments made all the work and criticism worth the time.

Eric Goetz, junior, said, "I'm proud of the placement of the teams at drill meets. We have high expectations and we like to see what we have accomplished."

On the other hand, Tenna Bradley, senior, said, "I enjoy how we work as a team to get things done, such as sequences, honor guard and community service."

Marching in unison with their heads held high and their smiles showing others a feeling of leadership, an echoing command of "At ease," is heard by the JROTC students before they depart to their next class.

—Kerry Kubeck



JROTC Exhibition Unit—Front Row: Tina Allen, Tamara Smith-Boltz, Maribel Ortiz, Tenna Bradley, Nikki Puckett, Chastity McWhirter, Elise Chavarria, Amy Tucker, David Ortiz, Row 2: Ron Graham, Richard Hawkins, Eddie Escalante, Ken Heyse, Josh Puente, Eric Goetz, Jim Shadley, Dennis Osizlo. Back Row: Mandy Stanko, Jennifer Zehner, Linda Rentas, Nicole Stout, Ruth Creech, Tonya Alburn, John Creasy, Jason Shad, Chris Bauknecht.

Juniors Amy Tucker and Scott Heyse and sophomores Eddie Escalante and Tonya Allan march in the Sept. 11 Popcorn parade. JROTC placed second in a national competition in Dayton, Ohio.

Sophomore Tony Covelli participates in a JROTC drill meet on Dec. 12. Teams from surrounding states traveled to meet the competition.



B. Smith



S. Rusinger



JROTC IDR Unit—Front Row: Tina Allan, Tamara Smith-Boltze, Maribel Ortiz, Jennifer Bates, Scott Heyse, Elsa Chavarra, Chastity McWhorter, Amy Tucker, David Ortiz, Row 2: Kim Chapman, Tereza Bradley, Robin Clem, Rich Jacobs, Josh Puente, Curtis Bledsoe, Eric Goetz, Jim Adamson, Steve Deck, Row 3: Tawnyia Hamilton, Ron Graham, Linda Rentas, Nicole Stout, Heather Finnerty, Tonya Allan, Steve Shultz, Jim Shadley, Back Row: Eddie Escalante, Chris Swanson, Nikki Packett, Mandy Stanko, John Cressy, Jason Shad, Dennis Oslizlo, Chris Busknecht



JROTC Unit—Front Row: Tina Allan, Jim Shadley, Tamara Smith-Boltze, Maribel Ortiz, Eddie Escalante, Wendy Radic, Leche Blackwell, Tereza Bradley, Chastity McWhorter, David Ortiz, Ken Heyse, Row 2: Tina Corbett, Kim Chapman, Ron Graham, Elsa Chavarra, Robin Clem, Rich Jacobs, Josh Puente, Curtis Bledsoe, Ken Heath, Jimmy Adamson, Lisa Gonzales, Ruth Creech, Amy Tucker, Steve Deck, Row 3: Jennifer Bates, Rich Hawkins, Tawnyia Hamilton, Beverly Doll, Linda Rentas, Nicole Stout, Heather Finnerty, Tonya Allan, Steve Shultz, Randy Tschuda, Keith Wamiller, Eric Goetz, Back Row: Chris Swanson, Michelle Swanson, Scott Heyse, Tereza McGilchrist, Christina Valamos, Nikki Packett, Mandy Stanko, John Cressy, Jason Shad, Dennis Oslizlo, Chris Busknecht, Jennifer Zehner

Honorable

Honor Societies Selective

The members of Foreign Language Honor Society, Quill & Scroll and National Honor Society possess various traits that distinguish them from the many who wish to gain entry to the clubs.

In order to be in Quill & Scroll you have to have a 2.5 GPA and show outstanding performance in your job on the publications staff.

Jeff Miller, senior and Pow Wow's assistant editor, said, "It has been an honor to be in Quill & Scroll since my sophomore year because basically it is a junior and senior thing and not many sophomores are chosen to be a part of their organization."

For National Honor Society you have to have a GPA of 3.3 and exhibit qualities in academics, leadership and character.

Julie Appelhagan, junior, said, "NHS gives me a chance to participate in a lot of activities."

Foreign Language Honor

Society is for those students who have at least three semesters of an A average in any of the foreign languages.

Jenn Kelley, junior, said, "It's a real honor to be in FLHS. Being chosen gives you a feeling of accomplishment."

FLHS has a ceremony at the beginning of the year to honor its members.

Q&S plans trips to local news and journalistic businesses.

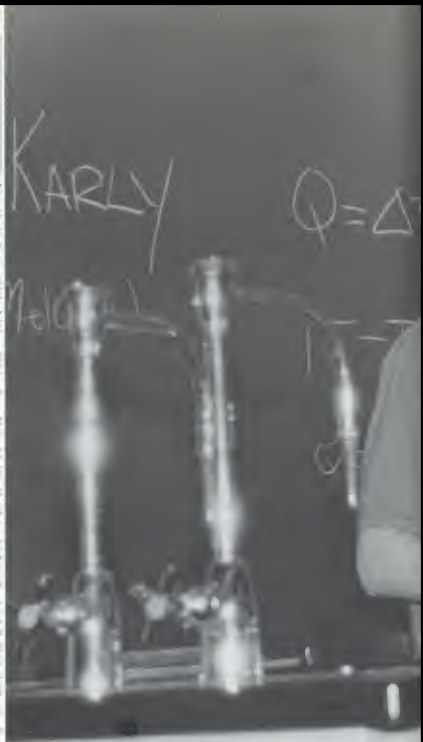
National Honor Society has sponsored activities such as the teacher exchange day, the blood drive, sold flowers and the ever popular Date-a-match for Valentines Day.

Julie said, "Sometimes it was hard working every thing into my schedule, but it was worth it."

Working together, the students involved can leave PHS knowing their involvement helped themselves and the community.

--Corrie Donnell

Mrs. Laura Dausch a student teacher for Mr. Dave Masty's French classes shows a display of slides from foreign countries at the National Foreign Language Honor Society banquet.



FLHS—Front Row: Laura Isley, Natalie Crowder, Meria Peda, Megan Smith, Kara Velez, Barbara Laczi, Lorraine Brigham, Shawna Hess. Back Row: Jenny Parduhn, Jeremy Connors, David Newton, Lisa Cristi, Robynne Lute, Chad Huffman, Katie Hatala.



On Student/Teacher exchanged day, senior Karly Melcher teaches Physics to Mr. Yan Wolfman's class. The National Honor Society students taught the teacher's classes all day long.

Junior Vicky Machin receives a handshake from Quill and Scroll President David Jennings, senior, in congratulations for the Ethel Jones Outstanding Journalist Award.



NHS—Front Row: Jennifer Parker, Karly Melcher, Rebekah Bragatz, Dawn Tutko, Carla Toso, Leslie Blackwell, Maribel Ortiz, Wendy Radic, Beth Shurman, Sandy Samardaga, Carrie Stout, Gina Geomond, Teisha Chavez, Maria Pena, Cheryl Fain, Danielle Robertson, Jennifer Gilbert, Stephanie Schmidt, Pedro Claudio, Kendra Miller, Melissa Bunk. **Row 2:** Angela Markos, Corrie Donelli, Julie Appelhagen, Jennifer Kelly, Jennifer Johns, Rebecca Hess, Tara Dehk, Amy Gregorah, Shital Sheth, Rolando Soto, Elmore Mundell, Tom Mankske, Brenda Likavec, Danielle Nobles, Lana McCorkle, Susan Wells, Shelli Gibson, Wendy Schaefer, Jennifer Mantz, Dana Wellman. **Back Row:** Heather Hegadus, Jennifer Fisher, Valerie Stout, David Robertson, Linda Tuncay, Erica Smith, Kurt Gilmore, Chris Rogers, David Henderson, Jeff Miller, John Smith, Todd Summar, Rachael Mahns, Wendy Nelson, Susan Dickon, Aaron Akus, Vanessa Murrow, Leslie Crockett, Heather Green, Lisa Christy.



Quill & Scroll—Front Row: Linda Kochler, Niccole Anderson, Lesley Cash, Vicky Machin, Erica Smith, Crystal Torres, Sheila Lynch, Louis Bain. **Back Row:** Jenny Parker, Amanda Childers, Kelli Coppinger, Todd Summar, Dave Jennings, Jeff Miller, Brian Graves, Linda Tuncay, Melissa Hasty, Jenny Mason, Lana McCall, Val Kowal.

Escaping

Taking Different Routes

Many teenagers dream of not having to deal with today's problems. Some join sports, others dive into a book. Two clubs, however, took different routes. The Medieval club relived the times of knights, armor and chivalry, while the Science club learned about scientific topics that interested the members.

The Medieval club stemmed from the Literature club started in 1991.

Each person in the Medieval club was expected to have made a costume. Along with creating a costume, they each had to create a different character (a persona) to wear the costume. "If they are interested in the club, they have to show that they are learning," Mr. Jason Cope, sponsor, said.

The Science club started in 1985 with Mrs. Patricia Strawbridge, who organized the club in response to interest expressed by some of her students.

Members of the science club also enjoyed different activities.

"Members have the opportunity to get involved in *Chemistry for Kids*, the *Chemistry is Fun* show and other activities that go beyond usual classroom work," Mrs. Strawbridge said.

Students enjoyed different things about the Medieval and

Science clubs.

"The Medieval club transports you back to a different time. It's weird, strange, but interesting," Shawn Stutler, freshman, said.

"I thought that it would be a good way to learn about Medieval times," Kristie Hill, senior, said.

The Medieval club usually traveled once a month to different events in the area. Each event was an average of one hour away. Some members found this difficult.

"The only thing I don't like about the Medieval club is that each event is far away, and sometimes they come during times that I can't go," Carrie Varner, senior and Medieval club Queen, said.

The Science club sponsored shows concerning science that also helped students learn new and interesting facts.

"The best thing about the Science club is that we do demonstrations all over, like in Chicago, and for little kids," Tiffany Tarpley, junior, said.

There were many interesting activities that were offered that students could become involved in. In the Medieval club, students found themselves as a completely different person, and in the Science club they enjoyed demonstrations in science.

—Vicky Machin

Carrie Varner, senior and Medieval club Queen, drinks water from a medieval style drinking horn. The Medieval club offered informational activities, such as how to make a tunic.





M. Frader

Ryan Nystrom, sophomore, and Quinton Shorter, junior, do an experiment dealing with pressure. The Science club sponsored multiple shows over the course of the year.

Vicky Machin, senior, and Jesse Johnson, 1992 graduate, sit around a campfire in sponsor Mr. Jason Cope's backyard. Members of the Medieval club relayed legends and history.



Medieval club—Front Row: Kristie Hill, Laura Summers, Carie Varner, Vicky Machin. **Back Row:** Tammy Griffey, Mr. Jason Cope, Shawn Stutler, Cybil Blinco.



Science club—Front Row: Ryan Nystrom, Agnes Biegaj, Stephanie Markos, Michelle Cain, Angel Gray. **Back Row:** Lara Gensimore, Kathy Ring, Shaney Smith, Quinton Shorter, Mrs. Patricia Strawbridge, Alisa Tarry.

Governing

Students Take Control

"Friendship, love and leadership." According to the Student Council handbook, these items are what make up the student government. Made up of two parts—the Student Council and the Student Court—the student government experienced a successful year according to most members.

Danielle Robertson, junior and President of the Junior class, said, "I believe the Student Council had a successful year because we met the needs of the students to the best of our ability."

Carla Teso, senior, Chief Justice of the Student Court, said, "I felt this year's student court fulfilled its duties. We had to work on the constitution with the council and fix some things. We also held trials for office holders that violated the attendance policy."

The students involved in the student government not only receive a better understanding of how the actual U.S. Government works, but they also receive a closer connection to the school and the community.

"I learned a lot about parliamentary procedure and more about the function of the courts in our government," Carla said.

Although the student government has been operated in the same general fash-

ion throughout the years, there were some differences this year.

"I feel like the council as a whole is more organized," junior Leslie Crockett said. "More things have been done with fewer problems than in previous years."

Some members agree that the student government has good and bad points about it and how it is referred to.

"The best thing about the student government is the people because everyone is nice," Danielle said.

On the other hand, Gina Gesmond, junior, said, "The worst thing is that the Student Court is an organization which is basically overlooked by the student body. Because some students are not aware of the purposes and power of the Student Court, they tend to think of it as an elitist organization, and that's not true."

The student government will continue to change and grow as years pass. With every new leader, there will be new ideas. With new ideas, there will be progress, and it's this progress that can make a student government. As for as the year's student government, progress was only the beginning to what they achieved.

—Heather Baugh

Seniors Chris Rogers, Stacie Cook, Erica Martinez and John Arrendondo discuss one of the many important topics at PHS at a Student Council meeting in the East Library.





Senior John Arrendondo gives Mr. Ron Hancock a hug after receiving the Most Valuable Player Award at the Student Council banquet.

Mr. Earl Rhume and seniors Chris Rogers, Shelli Gibson and John Arrendondo sing a crazy song they learned at summer camp during the Leadership conference at on April 23.



Student Council—Front Row: Trisha Martin, Heather Hogeland, Tonia Highlands, Carla Teso, Shelli Gibson, Gina Gesmond, Jenna Lopez. Row 2: Kyla Landrum, Sarah Mitchell, April Greenwell, Lesley Cash, Maggi Kirk, Nedine Cunningham, Amy James, Julie Guavila. Row 3: Monica Martinez, Stacey Cook, Katie Belcher, Scott Curran, Rachel Mahos, Tiffany Targley, Erica Martinez. Row 4: Leslie Crockett, Adam Trunks, Isela Galindo, Jennifer Banziger, Kelly Hill, Mike Tillend, Tanya Kyrchner, Danae Noble. Row 5: Kim Moseley, Gae Fornano, Kelly Falcon, Alexia Smith, Brad Skafish, Bob Crowder. Back Row: Mr. Ron Hancock, Danae Weiman, John C. Smith, Chris Rogers, Evette Sanchez, Aaron Galindo, Danielle Robertson, John Arrendondo.



Student Court—Front Row: Isela Galindo, Nedine Cunningham, Gina Gesmond. Row 2: Katie Belcher, Bob Crowder. Back Row: Carla Teso

Start it Right

Planning a Future

Organizations do a lot with the students and community of Portage. Students Against Drunk Driving/Students Taking on Problems, (SADD/STOP), a drug free organization, and Prayer Group are two of the organizations here at Portage High School.

"Our main goal is to get as many students drug free as possible," said junior Danielle Robertson. Members of SADD/STOP involve themselves with Red Ribbon Week every year and they make the students aware of the fact people can have fun without drugs.

SADD/STOP are constantly raising money for the community. In the past SADD/STOP has donated money to the Portage Police Department for such items as bullet proof vests and breathalizers and SADD/STOP also helps the students with the school.

"I would like to set a good example to my peers, show them that I can have a good time without drugs," said senior Stacie Cook.

Although the students have some of their own personal reasons for joining an organization, it seemed that

helping fellow classmates was one reason all of the students shared.

Prayer Group is a religious organization which meets in the morning. During a Prayer Group meeting the students read excerpts from a Bible and afterwards the students talk with each other and end the meeting with a prayer. Prayer Group is planning after school meetings for the future so that the students can have someone come in and speak with them about religion. This year's national wide program, "See You at the Pole," designed for students and teachers to meet at the flag pole for a prayer, was also sponsored by the Prayer Group.

"We just try to start the morning out right," said senior Ed Dore.

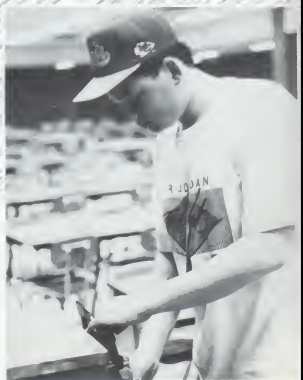
For senior Jennifer May, praying is an important part of her life; through Prayer Group she spends time with God.

SADD/STOP and Prayer Group are two different organizations and although different organizations have different purposes, they each play a large role in PHS and in the community of Portage.

—Bryan Bush



Sophomore Adam McGriffen takes time out from rigorous exercise during a SADD/STOP activity night to replenish himself.





Wendy Sanders and Kendra Miller, seniors, Principal Mr. Forrest Rhode and Nicole Power, senior, gather around the flagpole for "See You at the Pole," a national prayer event.

Sophomore Jim Cable tries to make a shot. Members and nonmembers participated in the SADD/STOP activity night to raise money.



Prayer club—Front Row: Emily Steele, Marcia McGill, Kendra Miller. **Row 2:** Mrs. Bonnie Albert, Virginia Mayernik, Jennifer May, Abby Howe. **Back Row:** Bruce Selvage, Robert Ortiz, David Robertson, Tom Mitchell, James Platek.



SADD/STOP—Front Row: Heather Hegdus, Danielle Robertson, Wesley Minton, Stacie Cook. **Row 2:** Lealey Glans, Carla Tevo, Tiffany Tarpley, Jenny Dranchak, Jeanette Chaddock, Heather Westerkamp, Sarah Mitchell, Jennie Hunter, Erin Hamilton. **Row 3:** Mrs. Etelle Alex Chaddock, Charles Dudley, Gretchen Westerkamp, Rachael Gluscy, Amy James, Reese Whitteman, Jessica Lopez, Kerry Dailey, Crystal Henderson. **Row 4:** Joanne Rogers, Audrey Moreland, Carre Stout, Jenni Volk, Katie Belcher, Michele Easton, Virginia Pedone, Nedine Cunningham, Julie Guenola, Kyle Landrum. **Back Row:** Rachael Hutman, Mike Pavashkin, Jenny Lesko, Jeremy Sarver, Bryan George, Rachel Mahes, Carla Buckley, Jenn Martin, Elizabeth Gaines, Michelle Bugern.

Musicians

Performing Music

Portage High School is very well-known for the pride and quality that is put into the music programs. Among the many programs are the symphonic and concert bands.

In order to live up to the expectations of their teachers and audiences, the students have to practice regularly and work hard. Jennifer Fox, freshman, said, "They (students) put some effort into it. Not too much and not too little."

Every year the bands go to ISSMA, Indiana State School Music Association. Here they have a chance to be judged by three judges. The bands may receive anywhere from a first division rating to a fifth division rating, first being the highest. Dan Vicent, senior, said, "If we (symphonic band) place high enough we can go to state competition." There they will be judged a little harder.

Some students may use the knowledge they receive in band later on in life. Elsie Espinosa, freshman, said, "I will still use my trumpeting skills in church."

Joe Urban, sophomore, said, "I will probably not use band in college, but I would still like to continue playing drums."

Many students are in band for the fun. John Szabo, junior, said, "It gives me a break from my classwork and is fun."

With all the work and all the fun, students learn more than just book knowledge. Kristie Hill, senior, said, "More and more I've realized the potential of the bands and the skill of the directors."

With teamwork from directors and students, Portage took its pride in symphonic and concert bands.

—Marcia McGill



Concert Band—Front Row: Mindy Witt, Christie Lovings, Jenny Wilson, Bridget Nelson, Becky Berick. **Row 2:** John F. Szabo, Jim Meyer, Kurt Scheller, Melissa Chavas, Megan Crafton, Erin Rohrberg. **Row 3:** Russell Simola, Michael Pence, Chris David, Bill Kehoe, Mike Uporsky, Chris Rowland, Alan Kane. **Back Row:** Chet Turner, Derek Hart, Eric Hart, Kevin Elliott, Tim Brown, Alan Washburn, Ryan Tuthill, Steve Elliot.



Concert Band—Front Row: Elsie Espinosa, Marcia McGill, Christy Heyhart, Jennifer Fox, Crystal Frizzell, Nicole Brutout, Esther Shenefield, Megan Smith. **Row 2:** Beth Shuman, Emily Martin, Mary Ellen Passarelli, Kristie Hill, Melissa Martin, Michelle Brigham, Vicki Carr. **Row 3:** Susie Hamstrom, Christina Timmons, Natalie Bellar, Faith Anderson, Dusty Caudill, Cyndy Burhart, Lisa Spince, Rachael Glancy. **Back Row:** Annette Munoz, Kelli Coppinger, Chris Huerta, Tina Riegler, Julie Cable, Jon Hoover, Tammy Szymanski.

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Symphonic Band, Brass and Percussion—Front Row: Carrie Mitchell, Sean Fingerhoo, Melissa Bunk, Michelle Curtis, Teresa Gingerich. **Row 2:** Jessica Greene, Ben Brackji, Jason Renner, Dana Wellman, Holly Foreman, David Kellogg, Geoff Williams. **Row 3:** Thomas Baldridge, Jim Campbell, Dan Vincent, Susan Dicken, Erica Lund, Dan Harrell, Chris Kosovich. **Back Row:** David Robertson, Bryan George, Kurt Gilmore, David Henderson, Kendall Hitchcock, Heath Hitchcock, John Silva, Jamie Miles.



Symphonic Band, Woodwinds—Front Row: Becky Hamstrom, Yvonne Jaime, Becky Dettlerne, Heidi Hedstrom, Wendy Schafer, Priscilla Espinosa, Theresa Gibson. **Row 2:** Becky Poff, Melinda Hercules, Jessica Frencl, Amanda Hodge, Stacey Ailes, Sandy Samardzija, Cheryl Fan, Heather Baugh. **Row 3:** Jenny Parduhn, Dee Dee Rodriguez, Rachael Hutman, Heather Greene, Chug Real, Shannon Pierce, Elizabeth Pierce, Kendra Miller. **Back Row:** Lana Smith, Ryan Churchill, Jason Oness, David Brooks, Shone Bolde, Jeremy Saver, Shandra Hase, Stephanie Schmidt.

Battling

Faults & Strong Points

The lab and jazz bands have worked hard, each battling with its faults and building on its strong points.

Mr. Victor Racster said, "I'll always remember Lab I for the inconsistency of rehearsals. I'll also never forget the Lab II practical joking trombones."

Nathan Burgess, junior, said, "Mr. Racster is a pretty good teacher. He has a lot of good points. He is younger and can be more in tune to us."

Jazz band director Mr. Robert Symer said, "I feel the kids have been making steady progress. I am very pleased with their scores at contest. My kids have worked long and hard to polish their music."

The Jazz students had different opinions on their ratings.

Derek Hart, freshman, said, "I believe Jazz II got good places but we could have

played better. If you graded on how well we practiced then I think we deserved the placings."

Melissa Bunk, senior, said, "I think Jazz I deserved a first division rating. We put in a lot of extra practice time and played our hearts out."

A difference between the Lab bands and Jazz bands is in the music they play.

Justin Illyes, sophomore, said, "I think jazz music is a way to let your feelings out, no matter what they may be."

These two Jazz bands have their differences.

Mr. Symer said, "Jazz II has hard workers and quick learners. Jazz I is more experienced."

The Jazz bands and Lab bands have many differences but they share something important: their love for music.

—Jamie Webster & Shannon Rose



Jazz Band I—Front Row: Austin Goocher, Dan Vincent, Melissa Bunk, Holly Foreman, Jody Auskalmis, Heather Green. Row 2: Jamie Miles, Jason Oness, Jeremy Sarver, Chris Kosovich, Ben Brajeki. Back Row: Mike Rogers, John Silva, Shane Bolde, Alan Washburn, Bryan George, Kendall Hitchcock.



Jazz Band II—Front Row: Heidi Hedstrom, Michelle Curtis, Natalie Bellar. Row 2: Dan Harrell, Geoff Williams, Chuck Teel. Row 3: Mike Uporsky, John Szabo, Jim Campbell, Heath Hitchcock, David Brooks, Justin Illyes. Back Row: Derek Hart, Russell Simola, Ron Holland, Craig Garrison, Ryan Ritter, Kurt Scheller, Bill Kehoe.



Freshman Jennifer Cap and sophomore Jeanette Chadduck, Lab band I members, take time from class to practice. Members placed first at the IHSAA contest last fall.



Lab band II Woodwinds—Front Row: Susan Corley, Christina Torchia, Jodie Deckard, Kirstin Mead, Crista Duffee, Mark Williams, Christina Ilant. Row 2: Crystal Henderson, Stacey Ellerman, Heather Reno, Cindy Miller, Amanda Gibson, Erica Alica, Jenny Seegiel, Mark Gronck. Row 3: Michelle Bugarin, Amanda Childers, Katie Hatala, Veronica Gonzalez, Megan Kester, Carrie Hunt, Heather Johnston, Shawna Jacobs. Row 4: Stacey Fields, Windy Caudill, Shaun McCance, Michele Easton, Jenny Lesko, Jaime Garapic, Charity Marsh, Angela McWhirter, Michelle Click. Back Row: Holly McCune, Denise Henderson, Michele Baker, Courtney Melvin, Kim Mrak, Kelly Zaparucha, Eric Serrano, Jill Adamski, Stacey Smolnicki, Kim Nusbaum.



Lab band II Brass & Percussion—Front Row: Nick Karris, Jennifer Johnston, Tara Sue Shenefield, Ginny Foster, Todd Kobitz, Virginia Tillman. Row 2: Jeremy Gannon, Shawn Arden, Janel Brink, Jennie Watson, Abe Pomas, Steven Renner, Curtis Smith. Row 3: Alex Ruelas, Justin Blyes, Nathan Burgess, Mike Hatala, Louie Stanko, Rhiannon Mikusevic, Jim Hampton, Mike Gurevitz. Back Row: George Ferguson, Ryan Reber, Justin Kay, Karl Brown, James Platek, Kari Kusznick, Mike Lyon.



Lab band I—Front Row: Karen Vella, Heather Gaines, Brianna Dixon, Jeanette Chadduck, Amy Jones, Jill Priest, Valentine Torres. Row 2: Samantha Barnes, Kevin Brown, Joe Vrska, Kim Haskell, Jenny Cap, Travis Thatcher-Curtis. Row 3: Amy Scribner, David Nelson, Craig Miller, Joey Auskalnis, Bryan Anderson, Ron Heath, Teri Lesko. Back Row: Joe Ozug, Joy Franczek, Rick Morgan, Rob LeRose, David Campbell, Larry Morrow, Eddie Escalante.



Lab band I—Front Row: Stacy Lauper, Gidget Servey, Melissa Heck, Carrie Schelle, Stephanie Griffith. Row 2: Shawna Jenkins, Brian Fugate, Stephanie Brazek, Shannon Rose, Sara Dexter. Row 3: Tiffany Miller, Nick Morris, Cassie Richard, Nicole Robbins, Amber Ruyter, Jamie Webster, Kari Vrska. Back Row: Richard Furnish, Bob Miley, Megan Hodges, Paul Targgart, Matt Moore, Shellie Stout, Bridgette Nelson.

Marching

Band: Winning & Fun

"From the past three years, I think this year was the strongest. It was a year that we all joined together as a team, not as individuals," Teresa Gingerich, senior, said about the Marching Indians season.

Many of the band members looked back on the season with fond memories.

Sophomore Michelle Cain said, "The greatest moment I was at District. Everyone was so happy that they were laughing, crying and throwing the teachers around. It was crazy!"

Teresa agreed. "The greatest moment was definitely District, when we got that first division rating. It's the first time in three years. It was so overwhelming," she said.

Mr. Bill Timmerman, assistant director, said, "The greatest moment was when we got a first at District. The pure enjoyment of seeing everyone so happy was great."

Senior Elizabeth Gaines disagreed. "The greatest moment was at Lafayette when we got a 68 [out of 100]. Everyone was so happy. It was our highest score that season," she said.

Others rated different happenings as being the best and most exciting.

Senior Dan Vincent spoke of an incident in which injury was involved.

"Directing the band when Dana Wellman broke her ankle was memorable," Dan said.

Others had nothing in particular that stood out in their minds.

Sophomore Holly Foreman said she enjoyed the feeling of family that developed in the band. "That's what makes it so fun," Holly said.

Band life isn't always happy, though.

"The worst was getting a second at regionals," Teresa said. "We were on a high all season after we found out we were going to regionals, and then we got a second. It just kinda shot our hopes down about ever going down state."

Senior Kendel Hitchcock disagreed. "Regionals was the greatest moment. Everyone came together, like a family," she said.

"It was a wonderful year," Teresa began. "It was the best way to finish up four years, and I'm going to miss all the people who I spent [that time] with, because we really became a family."

—Katie Belcher
Pow Wow Reporter

Senior Kurt Gilmore, freshman Jennifer Watson and senior Jim Campbell synchronize during the half-time show. The Marching Indians' theme was Robin Hood and the Enchanted Forest.



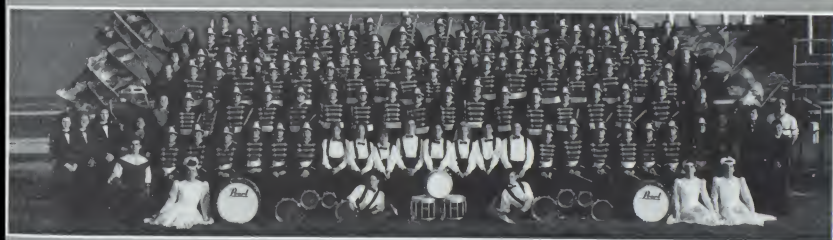


At the Fall Homecoming pep rally the band helped build spirit by performing the school song. The Indianettes also performed.

On Sept. 11, the Marching Band participated in Valparaiso's Popcorn Parade. The band also marched in Portage's July 4th Parade.



T. Reid



Marching Band— Front Row: Dan Vincent, Melissa Bunk, Mike Hill, Paul Targgart, Chandra Hase, Dana Wellman. Row 2: Kendra Miller, Virginia Tillman, Melissa Heck, Trisha Chavez, Michelle Brigham, Megan Kester, Holly McCune, Tina Riegle, Beth Shurman, Stephanie Gonzalez, Keri Kasniak, Katie Belcher, Tami Hase, Alan Washburn, Jessica Greene, Carrie Mitchell, Elisabeth Gaines, Joe Urban, Tanya Beach, Courtney Melvin, Julie Cable, Christy Neyhart, Heather Gaines, Briana Dixon, Joy Franceck, Rachal Mushinsky, Michelle Cain, Nick Karris, James Patek. Row 3: Jen Livingston, Jill Priest, Valentine Torres, Michelle Baker, Sandy Samardzja, Windy Caudill, Michelle Hoover, Charity Marsh, Shaun McCance, Mark Williams, Susan Corley, Amy Scribner, Jamie Webster, Carrie Schelle, Jenny Seigel, Stacey Ailes, Vicky Carr, Teri Lesko, Becky Foust. Row 4: Michelle Swanson, Melissa Chavez, Jenny Cap, Jenny Wilson, Sam Barnes, Shellee Stout, Rachael Glancy, Nicole Goetschel, Lana Smith, Jeanette Chaddock, Michelle Bugarin, Cindy Miller, Michele Easton, Jenny Lesko, Annette Munoz, Cindy Burkhart, Jenny Parduhn, Wendy Schaefer, Lisa Spence, Heather Malizola. Row 5: Kim Waters, Jennifer Fox, Becky Berrick, Elise Espinoza, Jennifer Johnston, Tara Sue Shenefield, Michelle Curtis, Megan Crutten, Priscilla Espinoza, Amanda Gibson, Veronica Gonzalez, Mark Gronck, Crista Duffer, Crystal Henderson, Dusty Caudill, David Brooks, Jason Owens, Shannon Connor. Row 6: Jill Via, Kurt Gilmore, Jim Campbell, Mike Uporski, Kevin Brown, Dan Garus, Jason Renner, Jennifer Watson, David Kellogg, Teresa Gingerich, Jenny Johns, Christina Timmons, Erin Rohrburg, Stacey Fields, Heath Hitchcock, John Silva, Holly Foreman, Amy Deeping. Back Row: Faith Anderson, Ken Hitchcock, Kurt Scheller, Jody Auskalnis, Eric Serrano, Brian Fugst, Bill Kehoe, David Henderson, Bridgette Nelson, Chris Kosovich, Bryn George, Steven Renner, Rich Furnish, Amy Jones, Jody Auskalnis, Christine Byers.

Voices

Diaphragm Breathing

Members of Concert Choir, Symphonic Choir, Choraliers and Girls' Glee displayed determination by doing theory work and working hard to learn new things. At competition, when the crowd applauds endlessly for a good performance, these choir students realized that all the hard work had paid off.

However, there are some things students dislike about being in a choir class. For instance, Amanda Lemond, freshman, who's involved in Girls' Glee and Concert Choir, said, "What I dislike about being in choir is when Mr. Miller gets mad."

However, freshman Carol Prigge has a different opinion. She said, "What I don't like about being in Girls' Glee is doing theory work because it's very hard for me to understand."

Some choirs put on interesting performances here and

at other places.

Sophomore Heather Waugh, who's in Choraliers, said, "We've gone to concerts in Mooresville and went to ISSMA in Griffith. We went to Fountainview Place, without the other choirs, and sang 'Georgia Brown,' 'Six Months Out Of Every Year,' and 'If I Would Ever Leave You.' The elderly loved it and want us to come back."

Trisha Kennedy, sophomore, who's in Concert Choir, said, "This year we have more guys interested in singing, which is good because students are realizing choir isn't just only for females. It helps in recruiting new members."

Cracking voices, commands to sing from your diaphragm, the smiles, tears, laughs and fears will be what these proud students take with them once they graduate.

— Kerry Kubeck



Choraliers—Front Row: Megan Smith, Brian Chelich, Julie Capellari, Eric Knowles, Kaimi Blaha. **Row 2:** Julie Castro, Frank Essany, Alma Marlin, Tina Bacon, Joe Posavac, Carrie Sipich. **Row 3:** Andrea Hoover, Jeff J. Miller, Dawn Bunker, Chris Miller, Tammy Daum. **Back Row:** Michael Pence, Jenn Martus, Jason Berman, Heather Waugh, Chad Perdue, Kelly Silverthorn.



Concert Choir—Front Row: Lana Siegel, Helena Guizar, Sherry Meeks, April Koukol, Tina Delonastoni, Brian Chelich, John Farris, Robert Morales, Samuel Field, Shawn Heyne, Christal Durfee, Chrysta Wells, Jamie Harris, Jessica Walker, Christina Smith. **Row 2:** Sabrina Reid, Lori Lesnick, Karmel Aron, Michelle Bailey, Erica Parley, Christie Buck, Ben Braggs, James Poe, Kris Koukol, Dennis Cook, Chad Burton, Frank Essany, Amanda Lemond, Heather Granzow, Kely Hill, Tina Fingerhut. **Row 3:** Carrie Schnelle, Rhonda Salery, Yvette Colorado, Jennifer Pommer, Amy Jones, Kevin Senovic, Joshua Boyd, Chad Perdue, Joe Ozug, Michael Hershman, Ruben Mendez, Sandy Mills, Brenda Munion, Lana Chasko, Chrissy Zaganas. **Back Row:** Mr. Warren Miller, Rhannon Mikusevic, Nicole Robbins, Heather Johnston, Julie Scholtz, Jaime Garagar, Heather Smith, Ten Lesko, James Patek, Chris Leung, Mike Jaso, Michael Pence, Tim Senovic, Jennifer Martus, Natalie Bellar, Trish Kennedy, Jessica Meier, Emily Steele.

Senior Dan Vincent sings his solo for the Sacred Concert. The concert was performed in the East Auditorium, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Trish Kennedy, Christina Smith and Sara Mitchell, sophomores, practice their notes by sight singing to help them with their music.



M. Trader



Girls' Glee—Front Row: Chastity Alfaro, Desiree Morales, Tracy Melcher, Meredith Knapp, Tricia Labus, Tuesday Barnes, Kristi Evans, Amanda Lemond, Mandi Cohen, Kris Santonelli, Melissa Morris. Row 2: Carol Prigge, Sarah Mitchell, Julie Capellari, Mandy Mendonza, Joanna New, Susan Corley, Amie Thacker, Treva Doll, Stephanie Wilson, Stephanie Markos. Row 3: Mr. Warren Miller, Tina Bacon, Lisa Gibson, Windy Crudill, Jenny Anderson, Angel Kukulus, Cyndi Lush, Angel Gray, Rachael Persuhn, Tina Ruch. Back Row: Jen Livengood, Katie Cram, Christine Byers, Jennifer Bates, Erica Fickle, Debbie Noffsinger, Shaney Smith, Sabine Strong, Toni Paxson, Michelle Swanson.



Symphonic Choir—Front Row: Marcia McGill, Melissa Martin, Kris Koukol, John Farris, Robert Morales, Rabia Javed, Prudence Knowles, Meredith Knapp, Veronika Gonzalez. Row 2: Tina Bacon, Andrea Hoover, Melaina Veiner, Dennis Cook, Josh McCormack, Dan Vincent, Cindy Miller, Tracy Barnard, Laura Demmon, Lana Smith. Row 3: Nikki Szmutko, Emily Smith, Eric Knowles, Chad Perdue, Lawrence Siegel, Dawn Bunker, Danielle Gleen, Stephanie Burdette, Mr. Warren Miller. Back Row: Rebecca Ramirez, Kelli Koleck, Heather Waugh, James Piatek, Miliano Ochoa, Michael Pence, Gertie Fusko, Seann Dailey, Angie Coe.

Masterful

Focusing on the Classics

While walking down the halls in the mornings, one could hear the strains of Dvorak, Gliere, or Nehybel coming from the orchestra room.

The orchestras were preparing for the Indiana State Schools Music Association (ISSMA) contest on April 17. Most orchestra members looked forward to the contest because they felt they would perform well. Director Mr. Raymond Grivetti felt the orchestra would do well "if everyone stayed focused and worked individually."

The players also had confidence in their performance. Jennifer Parduhn, junior and symphonic clarinet player, said the orchestra has "gotten better." Martha said, "I think it's (orchestra) been the best we've had."

Mr. Grivetti said, "The orchestra has not disappointed me. There is more potential in this group than in previous groups."

The orchestra members also

seemed to enjoy the various songs they were playing. The symphonic orchestra played the *Russian Sailor's Dance* by Gliere, *Finale* by Dvorak, and *Fantastic on the Hallelujah Hymn* by Jacob. The concert orchestras played the *Radetzky March* by Strauss, *Bohemian Suite* by Nehybel, and the *Overture for Orchestra* by Nehybel. Bridget said that the music is "very moving".

Kristin Schumacher, junior viola player, said, "Considering the difficulty of the music, we played it fairly well."

Mr. Grivetti said, "They must enjoy it, because they work very hard at it. It's very difficult. It's approaching the limits of their capabilities."

The students enjoyed being in orchestra for different reasons. Bridget enjoyed the group feeling. Alma liked the bus rides, while Martha has fun "playing the music."

—Jennifer Johns



Symphonic Orchestra, Violins—Front Row: Kathy Claudio, Cindy Bickman, Kristie Cunningham, Carrie Varner, Michelle Buckner, Cara Velez, Jennifer Carrasco, Elsie Espinosa. **Row 2:** Vanessa Dombey, Tami Haase, Michelle Cain, Jenny Siminski, Susie Hamstrom, Heather Hedstrom, Becky Hamstrom, Megan Kelly. **Row 3:** Jenny Dranech, Teresa Rowman, Katie Belcher, Anne Crockett, Joel Lach, Elizabeth Gaines, Viki Sanchez, Emily Frechette, Trindy Martz. **Back Row:** Fredda Puhogian, Angela Beck, Dan Shoppa, Jeremy Juzaszek, Curt Bledsoe, Lora Phegley, Tine LaRose, Tiffany Kirschner, Lori Parduhn.



Symphonic Orchestra, Violas, Cellos, Bases—Front Row: Theresa Gibson, Amy Tucker, Jennifer Sworden, Scott Curran, Heidi Hedstrom, Priscilla Espinosa, Ruth Creech. **Row 2:** Norma Diaz, Jennifer Chapman, Amy Gregorich, Kathy Ostering, Jan Barron, Kelly Crouch, Lisa Osterkamp, Kristin Schumacher. **Row 3:** Connie Deiken, Joanna Hilleley, Kathy Cimbal, Aaron Munoz, Ron Holland, Heather Greene, Robynne Lute, Bridget Nelson. **Back Row:** Craig Garrison, Brian Rogers, Craig Helde, Kevin Adams, Larry Murrow, Susan Dicken, Mike Rogers.



Members of the Orchestra practiced both in and out of class to perfect their instruments. Sophomore Nichole Collins and senior Abigail Marcinkovich work on their notes.

Looking toward the instructor, freshman Salina Viera practices in class. Members competed in many contests throughout the year.



Concert Orchestra—Front Row: Sheila Lynch, Cybil Blinco, Mark Williams, Salina Viera, Julie Ramian, Cynthia Cubbison, Stacey Ellerman. **Row 2:** Steven Renner, Michelle Forney, Matt Brown, Jason Lach, Elizabeth Slatton, Jeremy DeHaven, Richie Koesema, Elizabeth Walsh. **Back Row:** James Espinoza, David Ilgen, John Stoner, Ryan Ritter, Pete Hernandez, Phil Grigalanz, Ricky Littlefield, Julius Najzer.



Concert Orchestra, Violins—Front Row: Michele Soto, Kelly Clouse, Jessie Mundell, Christy Ramian, Kyla Landrum, Kim Jakob, Tabby Henderson, Kevin Hilley. **Row 2:** Pedro Claudio, Sarah Cool, Kerry Dailey, Alma Marlin, Michelle Blackburn, Jaime Neyhart, Maria Cantu, Jennifer Mantz, Abigail Marcinkovich. **Back Row:** Becky Startup, Ed Isbell, Michelle Lyon, Karl Brown, Renata Jefimenko, Lisa Hansen, Cal Ackerman, Nichole Collins.

Publications

Network of Information

Publications is the heartbeat of the school's communication. The various staffs conveyed information that kept the students up to date.

The **Pow Wow**, the student newspaper, came out bi-weekly. Students wrote, edited and designed the paper, covering material that was of interest to the school. First semester assistant editor Jeff Miller, senior, explained how he got involved. "I wanted to be the **Pow Wow's** cartoonist. Then I found out that I was good at page design," Jeff said.

The paper won a first class NSPA rating with two marks of distinction.

The yearly equivalent of the **Pow Wow** is the **Legend**. Louis Bain II, senior and editor-in-chief, said, "I took publications because it was a field that interested me."

Legend was also awarded a first class NSPA rating with three marks of distinction.

The smallest staff was the

News Bureau. This staff wrote stories for local newspapers. Junior Kelli Coppinger, editor, said, "I thought it would give me a good chance to become a writer and have my stories printed."

The last of the publication staffs, the **Saga**, was a collection of student poems, stories, photographs and artwork. Adviser Mrs. Jill Mangold said, "I will definitely advise the class next year."

Staff photographers are another important part of the department, providing many of the pictures used in the various publications. Sean Risinger, freshman and staff photographer, said, "I like being on staff because it's fun taking pictures and having them used in the publications."

Working together, the publications staffs produced the finished products that reach the students and community.

—Rich Cap



M. Washburn

Legend—Front Row: Stephanie Markos, Val Kowal, Maria Alvarez, Mari Gonzalez. Row 2: Dave Jennings, Gina Geomond, Bryan Bush, Lesley Cash, Amy James, Sarah McEwan, Cassie Richhart. Back Row: Kerry Kubeck, Shelley Djurich, Rich Cap, April Greenwell, Vicky Machin, Louis Bain.



News Bureau—Front Row: Maureen Sprout, Amanda Childers. Back Row: Kelli Coppinger, Virginia Pedone.



D. Jennings

PawWaw assistant editor Jeff Miller, senior, and news editor Sheila Lynch, junior, work at the light table. Tuesdays were often crunch nights, with staffers rushing to complete the paper.

Legend co-assistant editor Val Kowal, junior, studies a computer print-out of one of the 240 pages that make up the book. Staffers worked into the summer to complete the final pages.



D. Jennings



Saga—**Front Row:** Vickie Perez, Amie Thacker, Jami Vukovich, Shandra Casiano, Jennifer Moore. **Row 2:** Juliet Bogue, Sylvia Smith, Rachael Glancy, Vicki Carr, Jennie Hunter, Jaime Rhodus, Mrs. Jill Mangold. **Row 3:** Teena Veden, Danielle Robertson, Melissa Harding, Rob Ignas, Derek Ailes, Amanda Galindo, Earl Clay. **Back Row:** Plomer Barnes, Paul Christman, Mike Villanueva, Ed Rodriguez, Jennifer Shadrix, Susan Smith.



Staff Photographers—**Front Row:** Jason Reber, Tifanie Reid, Erica Smith. **Back Row:** Mike Washburn, Melissa Trader, Sean Risinger.



Pow Wow—**Front Row:** Katie Belcher, Nicole Anderson, Sheila Lynch, Jennifer Parker. **Row 2:** Jenny Mason, Lana McCall, Mike Pappas, Kari Blouir, Cristy Snellgrove. **Back Row:** Melissa Hasty, Brian Forst, Todd Summar, Jeff Miller, Andy Novak, Linda Tunney.

Cheering Outloud

Showing Their Spirit

The Cheerleaders, Poms and Lifters at games aren't there to get attention. With the time spent to keep spirits high, and cheerleaders in the air, time for fawning is slim.

"We usually are the ones who begin the chanting, although if it weren't for the fans we would not be needed at all," Laura Alkire, senior and varsity cheerleader, said.

Carrie Taylor, sophomore and JV cheerleader, feels that people can get the wrong impression of cheerleaders. "You have to be sound in body and mind. You also have to have lots of time," Carrie said.

Sometimes it takes giving up things that you want to do.

"Everyone thinks it's easy but it's hardwork," said sophomore JV cheerleader Trina Schaefer.

Touching on another aspect of cheerleading, junior Dani Nobles, JV cheerleader, said, "A great thing is when we perform well so does the team that we are cheering on," Dani

said.

Sarah Mitchell, sophomore Pom said, "The best part of Poms is the high I get right before I perform."

The lifters are the male aspect of the cheerleading squad. They are the ones that hold the cheerleaders in the air during the routines.

"I like being able to get out in front of the crowd with a group of guys and help the cheerleaders out," said Steve Batisic, senior lifter.

Many experiences come out of cheerleading and Poms.

Senior Jennifer Gilbert hopes that people will remember "that during games we support our team whether we won or lost, we are still behind them."

The wins and losses are indivisible to those who are there no matter what happens. Cheerleaders, Poms and lifters, those who care.

- Jill Stevenson



Freshmen Cheerleaders—Front Row: Isela Galindo, Kelly Hill, Tina Fingerhoot. Row 2: Jessica Mundell, Alicia Smith, Stacey Smolnicky, Elizabeth Slatton. Back Row: Gia Fornari, Maggi Kirk, Tiffany Mendizabal.



JV Cheerleaders—Front Row: Jill Hudson, Laura Weeks, Trina Schaeffer, Brandy Graham. Back Row: Teresa Wilkins, Emily Frechette, Anne Crockett, Tanya Jarvis.



Senior Corey Putman, lifter, shows his strength by lifting senior Erica Martinez, with the help of senior Holly Hostettler, while they were at cheerleading practice.

The lifters stand cheering for the basketball team. The lifters just don't help lift the cheerleaders in cheering, they also cheer for their team and show that they also have school spirit.



Poms—**Front Row:** Trisha Swindle, Sarah Mitchell, Maegan Sedan, Margaret Lowell, Misti Curtis. **Row 2:** Celena Origel, Jennifer Blaskiewicz, Melissa Villeneuve, Melissa Chavez, Tina Vedine, Jennifer Mariani. **Back Row:** Seann Dailey, Angie Coe, Jessica Province, Amy Silverthorn, Erin Trathen.



Varsity Cheerleaders—**Front Row:** Amy Hilzley, Candi Modesto, Stacie Cook, Jennifer Gilbert, Monica Martinez. **Back Row:** Holly Hostettler, Leslie Crockett, Joanna Hilzley, Dani Nobles, Laura Alkire.



Lifters— **Front Row:** Mike Hilzley, Jamie Martin, Elmore Mundell, Mike Mamounas. **Back Row:** Steve Batusic, Corey Putman, Josh Young, Greg Thompson.

Raising Morale

Clubs Unite Students

A main part of being a student is meeting people. The Ski club, Pep club and FCA are three extra-curricular clubs that allow students to have fun and meet others outside the classroom.

The Pep club consists mainly of cheerleaders and Pom Pons, but it is open to all students. According to sponsors Ms. Kathy Kotyuk and Ms. Gerri Kotyuk, the Pep club "gives organizations a chance to feel important." Members decorate the lockers of team members and bake for them before upcoming events to boost their spirits. Ms. K. Kotyuk also said, "Pep club members know their responsibility to the teams, and are sometimes rewarded for their efforts." The boys' tennis team returned the favor by baking for the Pep club. Pep club also sponsors the speech and academic teams.

Pep club member Melissa Chavez, junior, said she spends about two hours a week working for the Pep club. Melissa said, "Most of our time is spent baking and decorating lockers." Lettering is a reward for being in Pep club.

The Ski club, sponsored by Mrs. Paula Wiese, is another way for students to have fun outside of school. The requirement for being in Ski club is

not necessarily knowing how to ski, but the willingness to learn. The Ski club goes to the Pines Ski Lodge in Valparaiso and goes on ski trips to places like Cannonsburg, MI. Ski club member Chris Moseley, sophomore, said his favorite part about being in Ski club was, "getting together with the others and having fun." Another member, Sean Risinger, freshman, said, "The ski club is a great way to meet other skiers from all over and lets you get good rates at ski hills."

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, or FCA, is an organization for student athletes to discuss Christian values and their coordination with sports ethics. Tanya Kirchner, junior, said she enjoyed being part of FCA because, "you meet people who have the same beliefs . . . about God."

Tanya is treasurer of FCA. Other offices held in FCA are Laura Alkire (Pres.), Kurt Mattix (VP) and Cheryl Fain (Sec.). FCA is sponsored by Mr. Bob Mattix and Mr. Ralph Mundt.

The Pep club, Ski club and FCA are ways for students to meet others with the same special interests.

—Vickee Fisher

Pep club members Joanna Hilzley and Holly Hostettler, seniors, and Amy Hilzley, junior, cheer at a basketball game. Members decorated the lockers of team members before competition.





Junior Chris Schaefer, FCA member, signs in at the April call-out meeting. Mr. Glen Karobove, a state officer of FCA, addressed the group.



Pep club—Front Row: Laura Alkire, Holly Hostettler, Joanna Hilzley, Stacie Cook. Row 2: Dani Nobles, Monica Martinez, Candi Modesto, Leslie Crockett, Amy Hilzley, Jennifer Gilbert. Row 3: Sarah Mitchell, Tanya Jarvis, Trina Schaefer, Brandy Graham, Cari Taylor, Teressa Wilkins, Anne Crockett. Row 4: Melissa Villanueva, Misty Curtis, Jessica Mundell, Elizabeth Slatton, Tina Fingerhoot, Gia Fornari, Angie Coe. Back Row: Amy Doepping, Trisha Swindle, Jennifer Blaskiewicz, Melissa Chavez, Margaret Lowell, Sean Dailly, Megan Sedan, Erin Trathen, Jennifer Mariani, Celena Origel, Tina Veden, Kelly Silverthorn, Jessica Provins.



M. W. Schaefer

FCA—Front Row: Mr. Bob Mattix, Erin Rhoebert, Tanya Kirchner, Matt Brown, Cheryl Fain, Laura Alkire. Back Row: Mr. Scott Hufford, Joe Clasen, Chris Schaefer, Kurt Mattix, Dave Waechter, Stephan Stoitschew, Jake Westforth, John Smith, Mr. Ralph Mundi, Mr. Glen Karobove.



Ski club—Front Row: Deb Magura, Vanessa Vargas, Brandy Graham, Jennifer Recktenwall, Mrs. Paula Wiese. Row 2: Mike Chaykowski, Eric Swane, Chris Moseley, Clint Pullen, Sean Risinger. Back Row: Mike Pappas, Tom Mitchell, Tom Gregorczyk, Chris Jones, Brian Ringer, Jason Pickering.

Languages

Part of Understanding

Foreign language clubs offered different aspects of the languages and the countries they are spoken in. Students found that the information enhanced their understanding of different cultures.

"You learn more background on the language and the civilization itself," Larry Morrow, sophomore and Latin club member, said.

"It's done in a fun way instead of a strictly educational way," Karly Melcher, senior and French club President, said. "We got to do the Homecoming hall decorations, the French play 'The Three Musketeers,' candy sales and a boule (bowling) tournament. From each one you learn a little more about France."

The language clubs were also places where a student could learn things that were not offered anywhere else in school.

"We are going to have an acupuncture specialist come in and tell us about the way the Chinese do acupuncture and how it is prevalent in their culture," Tom Manske, senior and Chinese club member, said.

At the meetings a student could also meet new people.

"The thing I liked most about the Latin club was all the people I met. We all had something in common with the interest in Latin," Tim O'Neal, freshman and Latin club member, said.

Senior Lisa Osterkamp joined German club three years ago. "I knew that it would be interesting and fun and it has been," she said.

After the classroom empties, the language student has learned a lot more about his foreign language and land than he ever thought he would.

—Vicky Machin



Chinese club—Front Row: Julie Appelhagen, Carrie Bauer, Jennifer Parker, Sarah Mitchell. **Row 2:** Maria Pena, Kathy Cimbala, Stacy Mann, Karly Melcher. **Back Row:** Mr. Dave Mastay, Angie Lewandowski, Jeff Miller, Erica Smith, Tom Manske, Tuan Nguyen.



French club—Front Row: Shawna Hess, Cindy Bickham, Tanya Beach, Stephanie Lo, Karly Melcher. **Row 2:** Heather Johnston, Cristal Durfee, Becky McDougal, Jeanette Chaddock, Kyla Landrum, Robin Walczak. **Row 3:** Mr. Dave Mastay, Hannah Marcinkovich, Vicki Fisher, Melissa Chavez, Jennifer Kelly, Julie Appelhagen. **Back Row:** Tammy Griffey, Katie Belcher, David Brooks, Quinton Shorter, Bruce Selvage.



E. Smith

Maria Pens, junior, Chinese student and club member, corrects the character for the word student. Most students were also club members.

Ian Crawford, freshman, and *Jake Lemley*, sophomore, knead dough for German pretzles. Club members met to make German national food.



D. Jennings



German club— Front Row: Lisa Osterkamp, Jenn Martus, Angela Markos, Stephanie Markos. Back Row: Richard Furnish, Kim Mrak, Renata Jefimenko, Christina Stokes.



Latin club— Front Row: Kris Santonelli, Brandie Rootkie, Jeannie David, Natalie Crowder, Rabia Javed, Jennifer Lorange. Row 2: Megan Kelly, Susan Dravet, Holli Binder, Tricia Whitten, Amy Silverthorn, Brenda Likavec, Chris Psilogios. Row 3: Tony Hammerstein, Kate Crum, Cal Ackerman, Chris Rockwell, Ryan Churchill, Shawn Farley, Mr. Bill Schott. Back Row: Mike Paviadakis, Allan Washburn, Aaron Akins, John Berry, Eric Fancher, Jessica Fields.

Actions & Words

Speech/Thespians Related

Lights, camera, action and debate? The Speech & Debate team and the Thespians are closely related.

One thing that ties these clubs together is the community. Mrs. Linda Hicks, Speech/Debate team adviser, said, "We have two miles of road that we are involved with for the Adopt-a-Highway program."

Thespians also do many things for the community. "The cast from Mr. Bodnar's fall production performs at the nursing homes. Also, the productions done at PHS are for those in the community who wish to attend," Mr. Joe Stevens, Thespians adviser, said.

There are many misconceptions about both of the clubs. Senior Tara Denk, co-president of the Thespians, said, "People think that we (members of the Thespians) only act, but we do work backstage too. We also deal with all the behind the scenes work."

Some of the things that people incorrectly think about the Speech/Debate team are "that all we do is write speeches and read them, but there are 12 different events that you compete in," junior Corrie Donelli, treasurer and vice-president of Speech/Debate, said.

Both clubs do many things during the year. Thespians sponsor the fall play, the spring musical and variety show. They co-sponsor the Air Band Contest and the Outstanding Young Man Program. The Thespians see many plays and musicals also. Nicole Power, senior and co-president of Thespians, said, "The thing I like best about Thespians is we get to see a lot of shows and that is fun."

Speech/Debate also did many things during the school year. They had a Christmas pizza party, end of the year award ceremony and they did a program for poetry week at Central Elementary School. They also went to many competitions. Wendy Radic, president of Speech/Debate, said, "One of the things I like best about the team is being able to go to the different competitions."

To be on the Speech/Debate team "you have to want to be on the team and be willing to give up your Saturdays," Mrs. Hicks said.

To become a member of Thespians, you must get 30 points. "Twenty points must be obtained in theater work and participation and 10 points through other means," Mr. Stevens said.

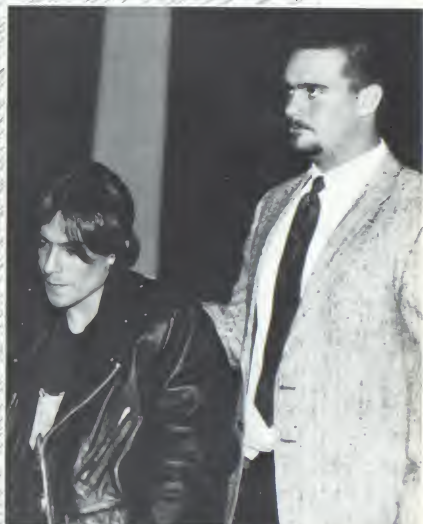
—Cheryl Banke

Members of the speech team converge on the side of U.S. 6 to pick up litter. The speech team sponsored two miles of the highway on the Adopt-A-Highway program.



Mr. William Bodnar and Mr. Joe Stevens, directors of the fall play and spring musical, respectively, address a group of prospective participants. Many Thespians took part in the spring musical, *Funny Girl*.

Brian Smolnick, senior and Thespian, informs Joe Posavac, senior, on the error of his ways in the fall play, *Welcome To the Monkey House*.



Speech & Debate—Front Row: Mrs. Linda Hicks, Corrie Donelli, Wendy Radic, Andrea Kirish, Maria Pena. Row 2: Heather Green, Jennifer Kelly, Stephanie Markos, Rabia Javed, Cybil Blinco. Back Row: Brenda Likavec, Julie Appelhagen, Erik Barthel, Tammy Jacobs.



Thespians—Front Row: Maria Pena, Lana McCall, Nicole Power, Tara Denk, Carla Teso, Jennifer Kelly. Row 2: Chris Rogers, Teresa Gingerich, Julie Appelhagen, Kyla Landrum, Danielle Robertson, Jackie Hazzard. Back Row: Katie Belcher, Dana Wellman, Beth Shurman, Brian Smolnick, Chad Perdue, David Henderson.

Emphasis on team brings about several impressive trophies

Year after year, after year, the athletic department moves along rather unchanged. Each individual team plays the same schools, each sport usually does close to how it is expected, and no surprises are at hand.

However, 1992-93, a year emphasizing the team, brought special attractions; a boys cross country state champion and second place finish at basketball sectionals, losing by one heart-wrenching point to Valparaiso,

a first

a second

first, all



Readying for a warm-up, sophomore Sherry Stamper puts on her swim cap. Sherry also participated in track. At sectionals she placed first in the discus.

place wrestling regional trophy—along with a sectional trophy,

place volleyball sectional trophy, and a girls track sectional

done through



Attempting to assist Valparaiso opponent, senior Jeremy Rivas uses a cradle move. Jeremy placed second at the state meet.

Junior Byron Chandler helped pull the

picking up the pace after he saw that

had fallen out of the race sick. The team's depth and drive led it to the state championship.

Determined to finish the race, Ken jumped back in and finished in the high 100's, carrying

on a rich Indian tradition: striving to be special.



After the team state cross country race, head coach Mr. Bill Wilke consoles junior Ken Crews who collapsed during the race, then reentered it and finished.

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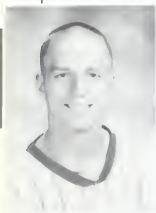
team work.

cross country team together by

teammate junior Ken Crews

Meticulously calculating how to angle her shot, sophomore Heather Price stares down the green during a golf match. The team finished third in the Duneland Conference.





Taking Chances

The Boys Baseball Teams Went Through Good and Bad Times but Still Had Fun

"Batter up!"

Working their way up from Little League, some students dream of one day playing on a winning team. Players on the baseball team did just that.

Many people tried out for the school's JV and freshman baseball team. Some made it and some got cut. There were different reasons

why the guys tried out for the baseball teams and what motivated them.

Sophomore Casey Palichuk said, "All of my fans motivate me."

Danny Schultz, sophomore, said, "I've been playing since I was

a boy, it came naturally. I love the sport."

Training for the sport was a big job for being on a team. The team mem-

bers ran exercises, and "There is a lot of running at practice and we do basic fundamental skills as baseball players do at practice," Steve Letic, sophomore, said.

Brian McCormick, sophomore, said, "Basically it's a good diet that we are on and the running. The running kills sometimes."

The players had different feelings about the coach. Some liked him and some disliked him.

"Coach Lasky is a good guy at first. I had to change a lot of the ways I did things in little league and I did not think he knew what he was doing, but as the year went on, I became a better player and realized that he knew what he was talking about," Paul said.

To be on a baseball team the players had to get along with one another. It was all about team work and on how

they performed on the field as a team.

Dannysaid, "I get along with all of the players and we motivate each other as a team."

Getting pumped up before a game was very exciting for the players. The team had different strategies on pumping up before a game.

Brian said, "I got pumped knowing I had to be a good player to be a starter in the game."

Once these boys made the baseball team, they realized throughout the year that all of the intense training and the long lectures on how to do something better has been worth their time.

These boys learned how to think positively, made new memories which they can look back on and laugh, and they understand what really makes up a baseball game.

—Maria Alvarez

"Myself and my teammates are all studs," sophomore Casey Palichuk said.

Freshman Eric Serano warms up before a game by catching the ball at third base. The JV team finished the season with an overall record of 17-9.





Sophomore Mike Hotzley falls to the ground during a game after receiving a wild pitch. Because of the pitch, Mike received a broken nose.



JV Baseball—Front Row: Tom Boney, Dave Ortiz, Steve Letic, Phil Wineland. **Row 2:** Joe Kovats, Roger Peele, Danny Schultz, Charles Nagy, Joe Remm, Mike Hiltzley, Jason Dudley. **Back Row:** Coach Eric Goetchel, Daymon Johnston, Jason Halenbeck, Paul Payne, Casey Palichuk, Brian McCormick, Coach Jerry Jasky.



Freshman Baseball—Front Row: Chris Wineland, Jason Monacy, Tim Slamkowski, Chris Huerta, Scott Curran. **Row 2:** Joe Giangulio, Terry Posovac, Bobby Ozbolt, Jim Smith, James Espinoza, Dale Pryle. **Back Row:** Coach Jim Parker, Jeremy DeHaven, Sonny Armento, Eric Serano, Jason Zell, Mike McBride, Coach Steve Marvin.



Climbing to the Top

Not State Champs, but Dedication and Hard Work Gave Them a Good Season

The Varsity Baseball team, maybe not number one in state, but they were one of the main attractions at PHS.

Everyone starts at the bottom, but only a few can make it to the top. The varsity players built up years of practice and

dedication since little league. Many of the friendships lasted.

"It goes past baseball. It's like a brotherly relationship," sophomore Adam Bell said.

"The players have come together. Some of the people here you played with in little league," Jeff Chadwick, junior, said.

After playing three or more years together, the players became more than just teammates. Over the years the players shared losses, and

they shared plenty of victories.

"It goes past baseball; it's like a brotherly relationship," sophomore Adam Bell said.

"We play together and everyone on the team gets along. I guess what separates us from JV is our experience together," junior Freddie Jayme said.

Many of the players had been playing baseball since "T" Ball, but even after having all the experience many team members still got the jitters.

Junior Eric Fancher said, "I've been playing since I was six and I feel nervous during a game, but if things start going well I feel relieved."

"You need to think of your personal job, if you worry about someone else you'll stress yourself more than you need to," Adam said.

"The game is 80% mental and 20% physical. If

you try too hard you'll build too much tension," senior Todd Belsha said.

As in most activities, some people like them and some people don't. For the students who played, however, baseball was a job, a home and a fun place to hang out.

"I guess we run a lot more and work harder, but you need to be in shape to play the sport," senior Jeff Bull said. Practices, lasting from two to three hours, became a lot tougher over the years. But even after each year of treacherous practices, the players kept on coming back.

"It's fun and I guess I'm pretty good," Adam said. Enjoyment for the game and the thrill of glory were just some of the reasons players kept coming back. As usual the sport was there waiting for them.

—Bryan Bush

The Varsity Boys' Baseball team congratulates one another after racking up another win. They won 10-5 against Chesterton.

Junior Chris Jones pitches to win 5-3 against Valparaiso. The team's record at the end of the season was 17-11



Instant Replay...



PHS	OPP
11	Roosevelt 4
12	Lake Station 0
4	Munster 1
0	Kankakee 2
1	LaPorte 0
3	Merrillville 2
11	M. C. Rogers 5
4	Hobart 1
5	Chesterton 10
1	West Side 6
7	Roosevelt 0
3	Hammond 2
5	Valparaiso 3
0	LaPorte 10
12	Horace Mann 1
3	Merrillville 4
9	Gary Wirt 1
10	Rogers 5
10	Hobart 11
2	Chesterton 20
1	Andean 6
2	St. Joe 0
3	Valparaiso 4
5	Highland 4
9	Hammond 1
4	Lake Central 6
6	Crown Point 1
11	Washington 0

Record: 17-11

Junior Rolando Soto takes a gradual stride to home plate after hitting a home run. The team defeated Washington Township 11-0.



Varsity Baseball—Front Row: Cruz Rozales, Freddie Jayme, Mike Little, Jeff Chadwick, Jamie Miles, Adam Bell. Row 2: Mike Fults, Chris Jones, Todd Belsha, Jim Clardia, Rolando Soto, Joe Frazier. Back Row: Coach Tom Levandoski, Steve Blanta, Eric Fancher, Ryan Fenters, Jeff Bull, Brent Williams, Coach Mark Francesoni.



Highs and Lows

The Girls Team Worked Very Hard, Yet Still Did Not Achieve Their Goals

Every sport has its ups and downs, its bad and good moments. The JV and freshmen basketball teams came out of the season with some of each. As always, hard work must be put into the game to come out on top. The girls proved the point no different.

The one thing the girls will remember is the distress-

"Like any other season we had our ups and downs," sophomore Robynne Lute said.

ing practices they went through before they could play any games, and difficult exercises they performed leaving them with aching muscles. "Unfortunately, the thing I will remember the most is all the running we had to do, especially the 'ladder,' hopefully with some work, I can forget it," sophomore Robynne Lute stated.

Sophomore Mandy Miotke said, "I'll probably remember the word 'ladder' for the rest of my life."

Along with the hard work came some high points of basketball like winning games and improving the game strategy. The high points are the main focus of the performance that is displayed.

Whether it is a position a player did not want to play or a bad move in the game there are low points to every season. Since the season is done there is still something that a player wishes to forget about.

Robynne said, "The junior varsity team had a chance to make a new school record for the most wins in a season, but we ended up blowing the last couple of games and we didn't even tie the record. That was what I thought was the low point of the season."

"The low point of the season for me was placing third at the LaPorte game," Mandy added.

There had to be a reason why the girls basketball team stuck with the sport through all of the long hard practices and the infamous ladders. Most thought that the sport was interesting.

"Basketball interests me because it is very physical and competitive," Robynne said. "It requires a lot of team work and skill, there's always room for improvement and it's fun."

Throughout the season the JV and freshman girls basketball teams went through tough, exhausting practices and aching muscles, but for their own reasons they stuck with it and finished with what they thought was a great season.

—Amy James and Stephanie Markos

Freshman Lizzie Garner dribbles the ball past two Highland players. The JV team was picked to place sixth in the Duneland Athletic Conference.





JV Girls Basketball - Front Row: Mandy Miotke, Mindy Witt, Ari Bonez, Katie Hatla, Yvonne Jamie. **Back Row:** Melissa Peckert, Erica Murrow, Lisa Christy, Robynne Lute, Dawn Fessler.



Freshman Girls Basketball - Front Row: Brandy Carrillo, Michelle Revoir, Lauren Tinnel, Angela Armenta, Jessica Low, Tanya Tucker. **Row 2:** Jennifer Buergler, Kristine Flick, Angela McWirther, Christie Lovings, Kim Moseley, Christy Ramian. **Back Row:** Coach Mark Baker, Jessica Hufford, Elizabeth Gardner, Becky Pelke, Shana Pollock, Manager Jennifer Bates, Coach Dawn Miller.

Freshmen Shana Pollock and Kim Mosely go up for a rebound at a game against Highland. The JV team placed third in the Dune-land Athletic Conference.



Shooting For Goals

JV and freshman teams gave their all throughout the season to reach their goals

Adversity is what every team faces throughout the season. For the freshman and JV boys basketball team, it was no different. The freshman team overcame these obstacles by capturing the Duneland Athletic Conference championship title.

"All of the long practices and suicide drills were worth it when we became the DAC champs," freshman Ryan Burton said.

"We played just as hard as anyone else did," junior Erich Strausbaugh said.

"I think what was more important than winning the DAC title was the fact that we beat Valpo 48-47. That was a team that had not been beat since their seventh grade year," freshman Jason Halenbeck said.

The freshman team did reach their goal, but

it did not come easy. There were the drills, the running, the days when they could have just as easily given up and lost focus mentally.

"Coach Lasky worked us hard. I was exhausted after many practices and just went home, did my homework, then went straight to bed," freshman Tom Bonez said. Tom moved up to play a little JV basketball after the freshman season was over.

The JV boy's basketball team also thought they had a great season. Although full of inexperience, considering that the team was made up of primarily freshman and sophomores, it did not show.

Erich Strausbaugh, junior said, "Even though we had a lot of younger guys, it didn't matter. We played just as hard as anyone else, no matter who was on the court."

The JV team is considered a stepping block,

which tries to get the team's prepared for varsity. Much of the JV team's time is spent trying to prepare the varsity team for their next opponent, which makes their role more detrimental to the basketball program.

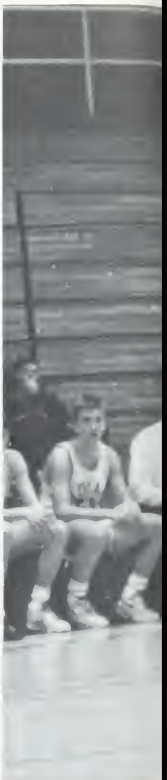
"Even though I didn't actually play in the varsity games, I got just as excited when they won, as I would if the JV team won, in which I played on," sophomore Andy Claussen said.

"It felt great when the varsity team would win because I knew that I helped them throughout the week to get ready for the game," junior Bryon Clouse said.

Nick Wellman, freshman, summed up the hopes that he has for the basketball team by saying, "Just wait until you see us next year."

—Steve Christian

Coach Jim Bazea gives the JV team instructions of what to do the second quarter of the basketball game. The freshman team beat Valparaiso with a score of 48-47.

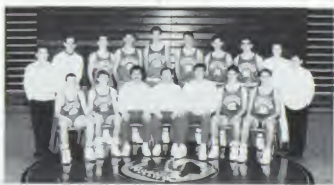




E. Smith



JV Boys Basketball—Front Row— Terry Wampler, Matt Ay, Joe Ginheola, Gene Supernaut, Mike Foley, Todd Kobitz, Jim Smith, Mike Guth, Sonny Armato. Row 2: Ryan Burton, Aaron Thompson, Nick Wellman, Tom Boney, Aaron Chinn, Mike Tilford, Eric Christy. Back Row: Coach Jim Crow, Kevin Devres, Mike Elson, Paul Payne, Eric Pickford, Jason Halenback, Coach Jerry Maskey.



Freshman Kevin DeVries dribbles the ball down the court toward the basket. The freshman team placed first at the Duneland Athletic Conference.

JV Boys Basketball—Front Row: Bryon Clouse, David Platt, Coach Jim Baza, Coach Greg Fisher, Coach Jay Hodges, Daymon Johnston, Joe Rapey. Back Row: Manager David Casillis, Manager Jim Plateck, David Reignolds, Matt Cullen, Andy Clausen, Erich Strausbaugh, Craig Heldt, Doug Plinovich Manager Jessica Minton, Manager Jeff King.



Impressive Season

The Varsity Team Ended the Season With an Impressive Record

Diving after loose balls and shooting a clutch three pointer at the buzzer to win the game is basketball at it's best. But while the boy's varsity team gets most of the attention, the girl's varsity team quietly made it to the championship round in the Valparaiso Sectional.

"We really wanted to win sectional for Ms. Adkins," Turpa said.

Unfortunately, the girls varsity basketball team ran into a powerful Valparaiso team and lost 35-30.

Impressed with the team despite the loss, Head Coach Renee Turpa said, "Theresa Shaw lead us in scoring and rebounding, but the rest of the ladies were always there. We

had nine players on the Varsity team and each did what we had to do, but the shots just weren't falling."

The season started November 17, with an intersquad matchup between the varsity and the junior varsity and lasted until that heartbreaking loss at Valparaiso on March 6.

Each night brought new challenges and a tougher opponent. The girls from Portage showed just how tough they were with impressive regular season victories over Hammond Morton and Hobart.

This year, the team was driven to especially win sectionals for one very special reason.

"We really wanted to win sectional for Ms. Adkins," Turpa added. Ms. Bernita Adkins, who retired because of health

reasons at the semester break this year, was Portage's first Girls Varsity Basketball coach.

Senior Robin Autry thought that the season went really well. "The season went well this year in many aspects. For one, we worked well as a team and no jealousy occurred as in past years. This year we proved to everyone, most of all ourselves, that we can play with the big schools like Chesterton High School and Valparaiso."

The girls varsity basketball team fought hard and were in every game till the end. "Other than losing, we peaked at the end," Turpa added.

The coach and fans are impressed with the record the Varsity team pulled off. The record was 12-8.

—Richard Cap

Struggling for the ball, junior Lesa Strausbaugh falls to the floor while battling with the Hammond Morton player. Portage defeated Morton 43-39.

Trailed by a Morton player, junior Amy Mattix stops to get a shot off. Portage beat Highland 67-40.



Instant Replay...

PHS	OPP
38 Andrean	47
67 Highland	40
67 Gavitt	29
28 Crown Point	49
48 Chesterton	52
67 Kankakee V.	40
54 Highland	48
53 Merrillville	37
40 East Chicago	63
43 Lafayette	51
52 Twin Lakes	39
46 Hobart	37
43 Hammond M.	39
25 Valparaiso	46
46 Lake Station	40
43 M.C. Rogers	40
29 Lake Central	66
58 LaPorte	54
Sectionals	
59 Boone Grove	46
30 Valparaiso	35

Season record: 12-8

Senior Lesa Strausbaugh hits the ball to one of her teammates during a jump ball. Portage's record was 12-8.



Varsity Girls' Basketball—Front Row: Amy Mattix, Kellie Poe, Jennifer Fisher, Robin Autry, Tracy Splitgerber. Back Row: Coach Renee Turpa, Kari Wiseman, Vanessa Murrow, Lesa Strausbaugh, Theresa Shaw, Coach Darrel Wilder.



Overall Victory

Although Sectionals Were Lost, Team Work Was High Throughout the Season

Basketball, a game of skill, determination, patience and mental strategy is one of the favorite sports of America, and especially for the members varsity boys of the team.

Junior Ryan Fenters said, "I love basketball because it's exciting, fun to play and very competitive."

"I thought the high point of the season was beating LaPorte," senior Jacob Adams said.

Through out the season the team had several high points.

Jacob Adams, senior, said, "The high point of

the season for me was when we beat LaPorte."

Agreeing with Jacob, Jim said, "I thought that the high point of the season for me was beating LaPorte because they were supposed to be so good and everyone thought that we were going to lose."

"I thought that the season was very successful," Ryan said. "We accomplished a lot of goals that we had set for the team."

In every sport, most of the team members had memories or certain things that they liked most about the sport.

Jacob said, "Being with the team and working together was my favorite part of basketball I love being with my friends."

Although the team loved almost everything about the sport, there were still a few little things that no one liked.

Jim said, "The thing

that I liked least about being on the basketball team was all of the time and dedication that you had to put into it."

Ryan said, "I just hated all of the running that we had to do."

Although the season was full of high points, the team still had their ups and downs.

"The low point of the season for me and probably for the rest of the team was losing the final game of sectionals," Jim said.

"Losing sectionals was the low point of the season for me because we won the last two years in a row," Jacob said.

Ryan said, "We wanted to win sectionals but it just didn't work out."

Even though the team didn't win sectionals, they thought they had a very successful season finishing with an overall record of 13-10.

—Amy James

Senior Scott Drake shoots the ball from the foul line. In the first game of sectionals, Portage defeated Wheeler with a score of 47-45.

Senior Jim Pantel, along with a Michigan City player jump for the ball at the beginning of the game. Portage defeated Lake Central in over time with a score of 42-41.



Instant Replay...

PHS OPP

52	M.C. Elston	40
40	Calumet	34
55	Lake Station	44
46	Bishop Noll	42
45	Andraon	53
51	McCutcheon	56
60	Munster	45
51	Hammond	34
43	Hammond	35
36	Hobart	34
71	LaPorte	60
34	Highland	35
50	Chesterton	51
37	Valparaiso	48
34	Merrillville	48
42	Lowell	61
42	M.C. Rogers	39
42	Lake Central	41
44	Crown Point	50
47	Wheeler	45
64	Washington	52
42	Valparaiso	43

Season Record
13-10

Sophomore Erik Taylor dribbles the ball down the court past a Michigan City player. The team defeated Michigan City with a score of 52-40.



VarsityBasketball—Front Row: Brian Czapl, Toby Cichowal, Coach Craig Buzea, Coach Greg Fisher, Coach Jay Hodges, Ryan Fenters, Tom Burger. Row 2: Manager David Casillis, Manager Jim Plateck, Kurt Mattix, Scott Drake, Jacob Adams, Jim Tinnel, Jim Pantel, Erik Taylor, Manager Jessica Minton, Manager Jeff King.



Support Helps Team Win

Support From Friends and Family Helps Team To a Fun and Worthwhile Season

Winning, losing, making friends, having fun and encouragement. Those were all things that went along with being a member of the girls cross country team.

The team thought they had a lot of good times together, but there were still a few disappointments.

Beth Koszorowski, sophomore said, "The people that helped me the most were my teammates," sophomore Michelle Olivincia said.

Senior Rachel Mahns said, "The thing I liked the most about cross country was being outside after a really hard day, running and just taking everything in."

Senior Rachel Mahns, juniors Lesa Strausbaugh and Carrie Stout and sophomore Beth Koszorowski with freshman Kelly Harr concentrate on running a good race at Woodland Park. The team finished the regular season with a record of 7-2.

Sophomores Michelle Olivincia and Emily Frechette stride to the finish line at one of the many meets they won. Michelle and Emily both helped the team to many of the victories they had during the season.

Beth said, "The biggest disappointment for myself and the team was probably losing semistate."

"The one thing that made me mad last season was not achieving all of my goals and knowing that I could've done better," sophomore Michelle Olivincia said.

Rachel said, "The only thing that made me mad during the season was when we would lose and we knew that we could've done better."

The girls thought they did really well, finishing the season with only two losses, but with that they received a lot of encouragement and support from friends and family to help them on their way.

Beth said, "My best friend was on the team with me and I thought that she helped me the most by encouraging me, and with all of the support that she gave me, I

knew that I could do it."

Michelle also thought that friends gave the most support. "The people that helped me the most were my teammates. They really encouraged me and made me want to do better," she said.

Rachel said, "My family probably helped me the most by supporting me all the way and always telling me to stick with it."

The girl's cross country team hoped to continue having fun with the sport by planning future goals for running in college, some hoping to run in college on a scholarship.

Throughout the season the girl's cross country team stuck together through thick and thin with the help of friends and family. They had great times and not so great times, but they all want to stick with it.

—Amy James





Instant Replay ...

PHS	OPP
35 Crown Point	12
19 Merrillville	42
18 Andean	39
16 LaForte	46
16 New Prairie	40
33 Chesterton	26
20 M.C. Rogers	43
25 Valparaiso	30
24 Hobart	33
Highland Invite:	1st
PennHokumKarem:	1st
Rebel Invite:	1st
Rensselaer:	3rd
New Prairie:	4th
DAC:	2nd
Sectional:	2nd
Regional:	3rd
Semi-State:	9th

Season Record
7-2

Juniors Debbie Haskell, Lesa Strausbaugh, and freshman Tricia Martin show their exhaustion while congratulating each other after a well run race. The team placed second at sectionals, third at regionals and ninth at semi-state.



Front Row: Theresa Shaw, Emily Frechette, Michelle Olivincia. **Row 2:** Kelly Clouse, Beth Koszowski, Kelly Harr, Cathy Claudio, Kristen Cunningham. **Back Row:** Coach Mr. John White, Kim Cipich, Carrie Stout, Lesa Strausbaugh, Rachel Mahns, Debbie Haskell, Tricia Martin, Jessica Hutchins.



Self - Determination

Hard Work and Self-Determination Helps Team Pull Off an Unbeatable Record

Hard work, long distressing practices and self-determination is what the JV and Freshmen football teams went through to pull off a record of 6-2 and 7-1.

Valuable things are learned from the hard work put forth in football. Not just from the distressing practices, but

"You have to create a team unity to have a good team," freshman Shawn Fidler said.

from football itself. Some felt the practices teach self-discipline and football itself teaches how to get along with others.

"The practices taught self-discipline, also football

taught me how to get along with others," freshman Chris Spurrier said.

Some strived to reach a goal of determination, concentration and getting

control of the ball.

"I wanted to recover and get control of the ball. In the last game I made it," freshman Jeremy Dehaven stated.

Every season has its memorable moments, the individual moment in the season a player remembers. Some remember interceptions, certain wins against certain teams, or simple things only the player finds memorable.

"My most memorable moment is when I led the team in rushing against Merrillville," junior Steve Christian said.

"Beating Hobart is the most memorable moment for me," freshman Kevin Devise stated.

In football there are bad things the players would rather do without, like the abuse of tackles, dives and just the physical abuse. Another thing is the time practices take

up. The players are dedicated to the sport, but they do get stressed out from the long, hard practices and getting home to do homework. They skip going out with friends to better themselves at the sport they enjoy.

"The bad thing about it is probably the time it takes away after school because of homework and being able to go with friends," Chris said.

"The worst thing about practices is having to run sprints," freshman Shawn Fidler said.

The season ended with a good record for both JV and Freshmen teams. The players worked hard and had fun while their coaches watched on, supporting the team. Most of them appreciated their coach for helping them be the best they can be.

— Stephanie Markos

Freshman Scott Curan takes a dive at the 10-yard line with an opponent from another team. The freshman record for the season was 7-1.





Sophomore Mike Jaso fights to get free from two Merrillville players. The JV season record was 6-2.



Freshman Football—**Front Row:** John Sams, Dale Pyle, Heath Rogers, Jason Monacy, Eric Jaso, Kenny Hyde, Scott Curran, Mike MacDonald. **Row 2:** Jose Ferro, Brandon Winters, Chris Hilley, Adam Trinks, Jason Skolak, Jeff Levenda, Tom Bonez, Tom Sosa. **Row 3:** Joel Alderson, Arthur Torres, Ian Pittman, Matt Moore, Marty Costello, Brian Lazinska, Kertay Taylor, James Brasseur. **Row 4:** Dave Ilgen, Eric Christy, Jon Rockwell, Tom Orange, James Espinoza, Terry Ozols, Richie Koena, Jason Marcotte, Ryan Burton. **Row 5:** Sonny Arnault, Shawn Fidler, Joey Christian, Jeremy Putman, Jeremy De Haven, Shawn Suttler, Eric Carmen, Pete Hernandez, Jason Halkenbeck. **Back Row:** Nick Wellman, Kevin DeVries, Chris Spurrier, Coach Larry Tharp, Coach Jay Hodges, Coach Mark Harsha, Dan Crawford, Jack Darnell, Mike Tifford.



JV Football—**Front Row:** David Solak, Tony Hammerstein, Bryan Dowd, Chris Schaefer, Jeff Chadwick, Glen Belker, Roger Peele, Jim Mcmurry, David Chrapla, Mike Jaso. **Row 2:** Chris Hilley, Bill Knapp, Justin Smith, Karl Nagy, Shawn Connors, Mike Little, James Miles, Kent Fisher, Dan Schelebo. **Row 3:** Coach Steve Livingston, Russ Simola, Ryan Bera, Daymon Johnston, Joe Kovacs, Elmore Mundell, Cruz Rosales, Steve Cadie, Jeff Kennedy, Scott Reinhardt, Coach Larry Tharp. **Back Row:** Stephen Skotschew, Bill Haddox, Chris Truman, Shawn Thompson, Greg Thompson, Jeremy Lovall, Mike Razus, Ryan Olsen, Joe Classer, Steve Christian, Casey Palchuk, David Ortiz.



Full of Team Spirit

Despite the Heartbreaking Record, the Varsity Football Team Showed Team Spirit

The packed stadium full of screaming and encouraging fans at the Friday night football games was the reward the football team received for the hard practices and sore muscles they endured all week.

Jason Kennedy, senior, said, "I liked being out on the field playing with all of the fans cheering us on."

The part most team members liked was reaching the weekly Friday night football game and knowing that all of their hard work had paid off.

Senior Jason Kennedy said, "I liked being out on the field playing with all of the fans behind us cheering us on."

A few people thought

that the best part of being on the football team was more than just making it to the Friday night football game.

"Being on the football team created an atmosphere to make new friends," junior Jamie Miles said. "It was great."

The team didn't have a very impressive overall record, but the players felt that there was more to the season than just numbers.

"The season finished a little early and we didn't have a very good overall record," said senior Ryan Ashby, "but I wouldn't want to play for any other team."

Although the team practiced hard throughout the week, there was a lot of mental strategy needed before the game.

Brian had a slightly

different way of getting ready. "To prepare myself mentally before a game, I would go home after school and watch cartoons in bed for a while. Then I would play a tape and go over what I wanted to do in the game to the music. When it was time to leave I would take the tape and play it in my car. When I would get to the school I would sit in the car for about five minutes and focus on the upcoming game. Then I would go on to the field and give everything I've got."

After the summer conditioning hard practices, and sore muscles, the varsity football team thought they had a good season despite their overall record.

—Amy James

Trying to prevent a touchdown from the other team, junior Rolando Soto dives for his opponent. Portage lost to South Bend in sectionals, 13-27.



Instant Replay...

PHS	OPP
41 Highland	14
10 LaPorte	7
17 Merrillville	38
12 Lake Central	34
16 M.C. Rogers	21
6 Hobart	14
37 Valparaiso	6
13 Chesterton	16

	Sectionals
13	South Bend 27
	Season Record
	3-9

Senior Jim Pantell checks the positions of his teammates as he sets up for the pass. Portage lost 19-21 to M.C. Rogers despite their efforts in the fourth quarter.



Front Row: Rich Jacobs, Tony Hammerstein, Russ Simola, Mike Karikozis, Alejandro Gutierrez, Scott Reihnardt, Jason Joins, Jeff Chadwick, Derek Trinosky, Bill Knapp, Roger Pele, Carl Nagy, Steve Rose, Rolando Soto. Row 2: Kevin Javernier, Ryan Beres, Cruz Rosales, Tim Sirovich, Mike Pence, Justin Smith, Chris Schaefer, Bryan Powl, Jason Kenedy, Glenn Ballor, Sean Connors, Dustin Nelson, Steve Cadle, Dave Chazpla, Coach Bob Mattix. Row 3: Dave Ortiz, Brent Williams, Todd Borcedona, Mike Hamstring, Steve Christian, Jim McMurray, Miguel Ayala, Jamie Miles, Elmore Mundell, Shawn Thompson, Dan Bonta, Joe Kavats, Kent Fisher, Dan Scholebo. Row 4: Jeff Miller, Dan Alcorn, Cheryl Fain, Jessica Minton, Danielle Loenthal, Melissa Harding, Coach Dave Mattix, Coach Pete Turpa, Coach Craig Buzes, Coach Steve Livingston, Coach Phil Wright, Coach Terry Milner. Row 5: Craig Spelce, Ryan Bonogan, Jay Gutierrez, Mike Jaso, Stephan Roberson, Joe Classar, Jeff Kenedy, Dan Stamper, Chris Hilley, Dave Skolak, Daman Johnson. Row 6: Pete Shippen, Andy Baker, Dan McWether, Chris Truman, Jason O'neil, Ryan Ashby, Kurt Mattix, Bill Haddox, Erik Wiseman, Mike Razus, Ryan Olsen. Back Row: Jason Solomon, Jacob Adams, Jim Tinnel, Paul Palchuck, Fred Mcvilliams, Rob Gross, John Prieto, Brian Smolnick, Jeremy Lovall, Greg Thompson, Jim Pantel.



Getting into Full Swing

Team Uses Enthusiasm To Get the Season Off the Ground and Right Into the Hole

The silent concentration of a golfer making the last putt at the 18th hole and the loud roar of a football player making a touchdown at a football game certainly has its differences, but the game of golf has different standards of competition.

Junior Nate Watson said, "The game of golf is 90% mental and 10%

"I believe that golf is the hardest sport there is," sophomore Jenny Babjak said.

Jenny Babjak said, "and one day I could be shooting really good and the next day I shoot really bad. I believe it is the hardest sport there is!"

Surveying the slope of the green, sophomore Dan Snow begins preparation for his putt. He gets down low to change his position to get a different view

In any sport that is competitive there is a way to train.

"The way we train is we get a bucket of golf balls and go out to the driving range and concentrate on what mistakes are being made and how to correct them," sophomore Kelly Poe said.

Sophomore Bryan Ringer said, "The way I prepare for a meet is to concentrate on the holes and what I can do to make sure I make those holes."

When all else fails and the hole is missed, dealing with your teammates might not be so bad.

Jenny said, "The team this year really didn't have trouble with being enthusiastic about the meets because the whole team is full of leaders. Everyone took it upon themselves to make sure the atmosphere was enthusiastic."

Bryan said, "What helps is to make sure the rest of the team knows

that they have your support, help the other team members have faith in themselves, always hope for the best and set goals."

Enthusiasm, support, setting goals and all around getting along seems to pay off in the end.

Nate said, "We weren't so good this year at first but with hard work and dedication the team improved and we came really close to beating two schools ranked in the top 20 in the state. We lost to Valparaiso by two strokes and we lost to LaPorte by only 10 strokes which really gave us a lot of encouragement not to give up."

Maybe golf is not the most physically demanding sport or most popular sport around, but the golfers took pride in their accomplishments and making the season worth while.

—April Greenwell





Instant Replay...

PHS	Girls Golf	OPP
245	Lake Central	203
218	M.C. Rogers	226
232	Chesterton	304
227	Merrillville	250
225	Noll	248
216	Lowell	235
225	Valparaiso	209
236	M.C. Elston	238
216	Crown Point	175
207	Munster	171
214	LaPorte	219
219	Marquette	204
	Conference	
	3rd	
	season record	
	8-5	
	Boys Golf	
196	Boone Grove	198
170	Highland	176
174	Crown Point	159
172	Griffith	169
190	Kankakee	174
190	Andean	173
197	LaPorte	169
197	Hobart	203
174	M.C. Rogers	158
174	Merrillville	166
173	Merrillville	176
173	Hobart	190
189	Munster	177
175	Valparaiso	173
175	LaPorte	169
192	Chesterton	155
192	M.C. Rogers	171
165	Valparaiso	158
165	Chesterton	148
163	Hanover	201
	Conference	
	4th	
	Sectionals	
	3rd	
	season record	
	13-7	

With a difficult shot on hand, freshman Christina Timmons concentrates and keeps her eye on the ball as she putts it.



Girls Golf—Front Row: Shannon Young, Jennifer Babjak, Back Row: Dawn Fessler, Robin Clem, Kelly Poe, Jennifer Pullen, Kim Pieper.

Boys Golf: Mr. Greg Fisher, Glen Ballor, Nate Watson, Bryan Ringer, Doug Plinovich, Dan Snow.



Grace and Determination

Gymnastics Takes Grace, Teamwork, Skill, Talent and Determination

Gymnastics, a sport of grace, skill, hard work and determination is mainly an individual sport. Gymnastics also takes a lot of team effort and encouragement to keep everyone motivated throughout the season.

"Encouragement from my teammates kept me motivated throughout the season," sophomore

Laura Weeks said. "It really helps a lot when you're really tired during a meet and you hear people cheering you on, it keeps you going."

Shelli Gibson, senior, said, "Emily

Frechette kept me motivated throughout the season. Everytime I felt bad, like I wasn't doing as good as I should be, I would just look at her and be-

cause she had so much energy in her, it made me want to do better."

Although gymnastics requires a lot of talent and coordination, it also took a great deal of mental strategy and patience to calm the nerves of the team before one of their routines at a meet.

"Before my routines at a meet I would tell myself encouraging things and say that I could do it, then I would picture myself doing my routine perfectly the way it had to be done in my head, then I would go out and try to do my best," Laura said.

In almost every sport there are special things that members of the team like the most.

"My favorite part of gymnastics was the way the team worked together and accomplished things as a team," Laura said.

Shelli said, "I've been in gymnastics all of my life and I love every part of it."

Team work was a key factor in every sport, even gymnastics.

Laura said, "Last year the team wasn't that close and it made me not like it as much as I always have, but this past season the team was very close and I loved it."

Toward the end of every season are always accomplishments or goals made by members of the team that will be remembered or some that were not achieved to be tried again next year.

Shelli said, "I was just really glad that I improved in every thing this past season from last year."

The gymnastics team finished the season with a 5-3 record, a first place victory at the Paris Invite and a fourth place at the DAC.

—Amy James

"I've always loved every thing about gymnastics," senior Shelli Gibson said.

Sophomore Emily Frechette clasps onto the high uneven bar in the middle of her routine. The team had a first place victory at the Paris Invite.

Sophomore Cari Taylor flies into a somersault after her dismount from the horse during a meet. The team beat Crown Point and placed fourth at sectionals.



Instant Replay...

PHS	OPP
98 LaPorte	87
99.15 Hobart	81.3
101 M.C. Rogers	76.4
103 Crown Point	59.75
104 Merrillville	107
104 Lowell	94.5
101 Valparaiso	112.75
102 Chesterton	105
DAC	
4th	
Sectionals	
4th	
Season Record	
5-3	

Sophomore Jill Karner leaps for the high uneven bar at a meet. The team placed fourth at the Duneland Athletic Conference.



Gymnastics - **Front Row:** Tonia Jarvis, Cari Taylor, Jill Karner, Nicole Gass, Tammy Tutko, Manager Erica Martinez. **Row 2:** Manager Dawn Tesso, Monica Martinez, Emily Frechette, Gia Funari, Holly Hostettler, Laura Weeks, Manager John Aradondo. **Back Row:** Manager Chris Rogers, Gerrie Fowble, Shelli Gibson, Anne Crockett, Merri Noble, Tonia Highlands, Jennifer Bauer, Manager Heather Hegedus.



Working Toward a Goal

The Soccer Team Thought They Could Have Won It All With More Team Work

"We were up and down all season. We usually get up for the tournament at the end of the season; we just didn't get up for it," Dean Yoder, senior, said.

For the first time in eight years, the soccer team didn't make its way to the Northern Cup, the state soccer tournament for Northern Indiana. Team members were not

"As a senior I really wanted to win the tournament," Erich Squire, senior, said.

Dean echoed that sentiment.

"We weren't a unit as we should have been," he said.

Many veteran players also felt that some newer additions to the team created a tough barrier for the team to overcome by getting the physical practice standards for the team lowered.

"We couldn't practice as hard as we usually do," Jim Bolint, junior, said.

Some players objected to some techniques used during practice. One called the box drill, in which one offensive and one defensive player go head to head and battle for the ball, drew complaints because of its roughness.

"Mr. [Larry] Casbon [athletic director] warned us that we shouldn't pick on the underclassmen. But they weren't getting picked on. We were just playing soccer and they couldn't handle it," Aaron Rhame, sophomore and two year veteran of the team, said.

Other factors that led to the breaking of the Northern Cup tradition, according to team members, were the kind that are easily changed.

Also, members felt that the varsity and junior varsity players weren't as friendly to one another as they could have been, and that that helped break down team cooperation.

Although team members were not pleased with the outcome of the season, many of them had higher hopes for next year.

"The seniors really wanted the tournament this year. It was hard for us to lose it since we'll never have another one again. If the hard practices don't come back, the new players will never know what it's like to play on a winning soccer team," Dean said.

—Linda Koehler

Sophomore Cliff Barnett dribbles the ball down the field past an opponent. The team defeated Lew Wallace with a score of 7-2.



Instant Replay...

PHS		OPP
1	St. Joseph	2
4	East Chicago	4
8	Hobart	0
2	Griffith	0
4	Andrean	4
8	Hammond	0
7	Lew Wallace	2
6	Chesterton	1
3	Valparaiso	2
3	Munster	2
9	Merrillville	0
5	Crown Point	2

Conference
5-0-2
Season Record
10-3-2

Damon Wasilewski, sophomore, prepares to shoot a goal during a game against Andrean. The team finished the season with an overall record of 10-3-2.



Varsity Soccer—Front Row: Jose Olivencia, Dean Yoder, Steve Batustic, Aaron Rhame, Tony Galati. **Row 2:** Bryan McCulloch, John Boyle, Dan Cardenas, Erich Squire, James Bolint, Joe Timmons. **Back Row:** Coach Bob Larime, Scott Garzella, John Vuko, Chris Spear, Bob Brockway, Jessie Mendez, Coach Jim Greene.



JV Soccer—Front Row: Marcos Rodriguez, Tim O'Neal, Freddie Rodriguez, Marc Morales, Jeremy Barker. **Row 2:** Matt Malaski, Mike DeLeon, Aaron Reynolds, Chris Torres, Cyrus Gilbert, Sean Gilbert. **Back Row:** Coach Bob Larime, Cliff Barnett, Mark Gruchalski, Jeff Lay, Mike Rodich, Damon Wisalowski, Adam Branham.



Holy Cow, a Homerun!

Both Softball Teams Found That With a Lot of Spirit They Can Go Far

The roar of the crowd and the relationships between team members are some of the things related to being in softball. Many don't try out because they don't want to suffer due to their sore muscles after training. However, with the right motivation, anything can happen.

"Mr. Mattix really knows what he's talking about," junior Lori Norman said.

Katie Hatala, sophomore, said, "What motivated me was that I started playing softball in sixth grade and I enjoy watching the Chicago Cubs play baseball."

To the contrary, Kari Wiseman, sophomore, said, "I've

been playing softball for a long time, so I'm athletic and I like the thrill of competition."

Softball is a sport that needs a person who knows

how to prepare a team of females for a strategic and tough competition once the games begin.

Lori Norman, junior, replied, "Mr. Mattix knows what he's talking about. He doesn't just guess on what needs to be done and he cares about all of the team members."

"Oh my gosh, do you remember that game? Remember the look on the coach's face?" These may be some of the questions that roam the halls after an exciting or drab game the day before.

Kelly Knapp, sophomore, said, "The April 29 game against Valparaiso was memorable because we were losing 5-1. Then the team started a rally and we beat their butts with a final score of 15-6!"

Some requirements for softball may be putting up with lectures from the coaches or showing team spirit at a game.

Melissa Fekete, fresh-

man, replied, "A girl has to be ready for a major challenge because you're not going to stand around with your thumb up your butt. Mr. Mattix doesn't like to lose, but he likes to see the effort put out."

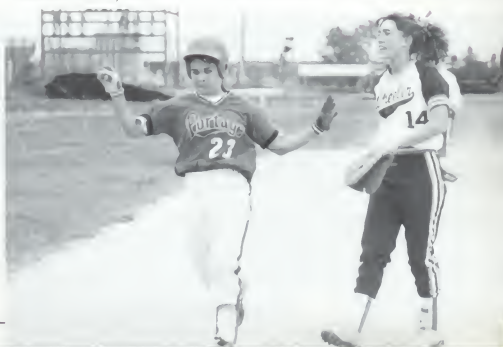
"Go for it!" and "All you can do is try," are some helpful phrases some team members use when someone wants to try out for softball.

Christie Lovings, sophomore, who's on the JV team, said, "If you have confidence in yourself and you think you can succeed, then go for it because you have nothing to lose."

These girls aren't afraid to slide into a base with a face full of dirt. They don't let their teammates get down about a loss and they have determination for putting up with injuries while still having the spirit to go out and win another game for Portage.

—Kerry Kubeck

Sophomore Kim Pieper quickly runs over homeplate to score another point for the Portage team. The varsity team beat Michigan City Rogers with a score of 13-3.



Instant Replay...

PHS OPP

12	Andreas	4
5	Lowell	2
6	Hammond	5
12	LaPorte	2
11	Gavit	1
1	Hobart	0
13	M.C. Rogers	3
3	M.C. Elston	4
9	Chesterton	6
9	Merrillville	13
8	Hobart	3
16	LaPorte	17
4	Merrillville	13
11	M.C. Rogers	0
17	Marquette	4
12	Chesterton	5
4	Valparaiso	8
5	Highland	4
3	Valparaiso	8
1	Boone Grove	1
Season Record		12-7

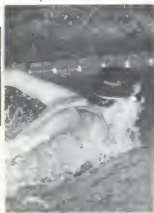
Melissa Fekete, freshman varsity player, proceeds to pitch to the batter during a game. The team beat Valparaiso with a score of 15-6.



Varsity Softball—Front Row: Kelly McCallister, Jamie Hamilton, Lisa Fain, Debbie Gapinski, Tenna Bradley. 2nd Row: Michelle Revoir, Kelly Knapp, Christie Lovings, Kari Vrska, Lori Norman. Back Row: Melissa Fekete, Debbie Haskell, Lesa Strausbaugh, Kellie Poe, Kari Wiseman, Tina Shaw.



JV Softball—Front Row: Michelle Click, Cassie Richart, Kristie Ramian, Jennifer Pollard, Tiffany Mendezobal. Row 2: Kim Pieper, Michelle Revoir, Christie Lovings, Kristy Zzaganas. Back Row: Stephanie Zills, Lizzy Garner, Shana Pollock, Katie Hatala, Celina Viera.



Doing the Doggy Paddle

Boys' and Girls' Swim Team Find Ways to Ease Tension and Increase Team Spirit

The tension is on, the race is going to start in three minutes, there is no way out of it now. Different people deal with this tension in many different ways.

Freshman Dave Warren said, "The main things that I concentrate on is how the team is going to do as a whole. Then I try to pump everyone else up for the race and get the spirit up."

"Being a swimmer isn't always easy, it takes a lot of dedication that pays off in the end," sophomore Chris Fruehwirth said.

Junior Debbie Warren said, "I always concentrate on the drills that we go through in practice, turns and how I'm going to start the race off."

The girls encouraged their team spirit a different way. Being part of a

group and being excepted is part of human nature. When the girls swim team decided to initiate the new swimmers, coaches, teachers, and administrators become very angry.

Sophomore Carrie Hunt said, "The older swimmers had us wear our warm-up outfits, which are smelly and ugly, to school. Then every time we were caught by an older swimmer they could stop us, make us do 10 push-ups and we had to do them without any question. I managed to do 300 push-ups in one day. I did the most all day. That was one award I didn't want to win."

Freshman Jenny Siminski said, "When coach found out what had happened, he wasn't happy at all. Then Mr. Kline came in and started to read articles about where kids in other high schools had initiations

and there were serious injuries because people had taken it to far. So next year the administration is going to put a rule in the handbook prohibiting initiations."

The boys team however didn't seem to need the initiations to get along and become a team right away.

Senior Dave Waechter said, "The team unity was really good this year compared to other years, everyone got along, the upperclassman didn't pick on the underclassman, and there wasn't anyone on the team who hated anyone else."

Teams increase team spirit in different ways. Some ways work better than others but it ends up that the school prevails in the end because they produce a winning team.

— April Greenwell

Turning his head out of the water for a short breathe, freshman Jason Lach swims during a freestyle swim.





PHS	OPP
Girls Swim	
138	Merrillville 34
142	Lowell 40
116	Chesterton 70
115	Highland 68
120	M.C. Rogers 65
114	LaPorte 72
120	Bishop Noll 66
149	Hammond 37
119	Crown Point 67
130	Hobart 56
112	Renesselar 70
89	Lake Central 97
68	Valparaiso 118

Munster Conference

1st

Valparaiso Relays

2nd

Duneland Conference

2nd

Sectionals

2nd

Boys Swim

146	Wirt	29
60	Chesterton	128
106	Merrillville	80
86	Munster	100
91	Highland	92
83	LaPorte	103
90	Valparaiso	96
131	Lowell	46
83	M.C. Rogers	103
125	Hobart	60
124	Ren. Central	63
119	Crown Point	67
113	Gavit	70

Munster Relays

5th

Conference

5th

Sectionals

5th

Season Record

7-6

Sophomore swimmer

Katy Ostertag warms-up at practice on a kickboard in the East pool. The girls swim team placed 2nd in Sectionals.



Front Row: Katy Ostertag, Tammy Ross, Vicky Levan, Sherry Dolasinski, Paula Dominick, Debbie Warren, Jennifer Bauer, Melissa Szabo, Heather Hostettler. Row 2: Mr. Mike Lapinski, Teresa Fee, Jan Klakoski, Alicia Balazs, Carrie Hunt, Barbara Laczi, Jenny Siminski, Megan Kelly, Amber Vaudt. Back Row: Connie Dicken, Sherri Stamper, Brandie Rootkie, Kelly Cool, Helena Golarz, Heather Hagan, Christy Thompson, Beth Klakoski, Gerrie Foble.



Front Row: Noman Ford, Tim Slankowski, Jeremy Disser, David Czaplak, Anthony Galait, Tim Bingham. Row 2: Jason Clement, Donovan McKinney, Dan Paniguas, Chris Fruewirth, Brad Skafish, Rich Fowble, Tim Senovic. Row 3: Chad Franks, Joel Lach, Ryan Booth, Jaime Serwatka, Sean Whelan, Scott Tifford, Steve Rusnak, David Warren. Back Row: Tim Senovic, Jim McMurray, Aaron Landrum, Bill Hoffman, Chad Huffman, Dave Waechter, Brian Rodgers, Jason Lach.



Team Dedication

Girls Tennis Team Puts Forth Dedication and Hard Work to Make a Great Season

Girls tennis is more than just hitting the ball back and forth. It is about the players and their dedication to the team. Throughout the year they formed a bond that is as strong as a family.

"Our team had about 35 girls. We all worked hard to try and make it a good year for tennis," junior Yvonne Pedroza said.

"The one thing that I felt proud of was being part of the team," junior Shital Sheth said.

Senior Amy Gregorash said that the team was full of spirit. She also said that she was proud to be a part of team.

"I joined the team this year because my sister was on the team," Erica Murrow

said, who was the only freshman on the team this year. "The best part about being on the tennis team is being part of a working team."

"The season started of a little hard but as it went on it became a lot of fun, and I got to meet a lot of new people," junior Trisha Labus said.

"The one thing I feel proud of is being part of a team, and everyone being there for each other," junior Shital Sheth said.

Sophomore Delora Medina said, "The support from other team members is what makes tennis great, but for the most part it's an independent game."

Dawn Fessler, sophomore, said, "I joined the tennis team because it looked like fun and it's a great way to stay in shape."

"The season was a lot of fun. Everyone on the team worked hard to make sure everything went smoothly," Yvonne said.

All the girls agree that their season was fun, but it also was a lot of hard work. Some of the

girls even joined tournaments, took extra lessons and went to camps over the summer.

Throughout the season the girls found that it wasn't all serious work. "Everyone laughed when we were practicing our drill where we go to the net. When I went to the net I fell over it not once but twice," Shital said.

"I felt so embarrassed at one of our tournaments and the girl I was playing against hit an over head smash and I completely missed it," Dawn said.

Coach Richard Mason was proud of the team. The team pulled together to end the season with a good record. They all had their good, bad and embarrassing moments. All the girls were glad to be on the team. The season ended with a record of 10-1.

—Brian Graves

Junior Lisa Manna slides upon one knee and extends forward to save the tennis match. Portage Beat Lake Central with a score of 5-0.



Instant Replay...

PHS	OPP
5 Lake Central	0
0 Munster	5
3 Andean	2
5 Morton	0
5 LaPorte	0
5 Valparaiso	0
3 East Chicago	2
4 Chesterton	1
4 Crown Point	1
5 Hobart	0
3 Merrillville	2

Season Record
10-1

Freshman Erica Murrow briskly returns the ball to her Andean opponent. Portage won with a score of 5-0.



JV Tennis—Front Row: Becky McDougal, Jen Wishnevski, Kim Jacobs, Alicia Smith, Tina Fingerhoo, Jen McCouslin, Angela Armenta. Row 2: Bridget Swan, Trisha Labes, Natalie Vasquez, Darcie Newberry, Sarah Belcher, Kerry Daily, Annet Munoz, Jackie VanVleet, Yvonne Pedroza. Row 3: Jamie Holman, Becky Gregorash, Jessica Mundell, Dana Floyd, Kara Kitchel, Delora Medina, Bunny Heck, Sandy Ailman. Back Row: Lana McCroble, Susan Culig, Heather Smith, Dawn Fessler, Maggig Kurk, Brandy Johnston, Tresa Rossman, Carrie Mitchell.

Varsity Tennis—Front Row: Lisa Manna, Vanessa Murrow, Amy Gregorash. Back Row: Susan Dicken, Shital Sheth, Kim Lehockey, Erica Murrow.

Unexpected Victory

A Young Team Had a Victorious Season Finishing With an Unexpected Record

Not quite "pro" tennis players, but with only two varsity players returning, the boys tennis team won ten out of sixteen games, and finished with a season over 500, which was much higher than expected.

"The season went unexpectedly well," sophomore Erik Taylor said. "We weren't expected to

do that well because we were all so young."

A few people on the team thought that with a little confidence and some hard work they could soon be playing in the "Big

keep improving. With some hard work and a little luck we could be real contenders next year."

Sean Fingerhoot, junior, said, "I think the team can improve more by sticking together and helping each other."

The tennis players all felt that they improved a great deal throughout the season.

Cliff Barnett, sophomore and number two ranked varsity tennis player, said, "I felt that I improved a lot since the beginning of the season. I started hitting more of my shots and playing more consistently."

The boys tennis team beat St. Joseph this year for the first time in three years.

Overall, beating St. Joseph stuck out in Cliff's mind the most because "We hadn't beat them in so long."

This unsuspecting season had a strong impact on some players.

The most memorable moment for John was, "our win over Merrillville, it was huge. The 3-2 upset was great for our confidence."

"I picked my game up a level during conference play," John said. "I also felt my mental game improved as well throughout the season."

"I will really like to become one of the best tennis players in Northwestern Indiana someday," Cliff said.

An unexpected victorious season brought a young boys tennis team out on top, giving them hope for a much higher season next year.

"I felt the team did really well this season, I was very proud of the team," Mr. Richard Mason, boys tennis coach, stated.

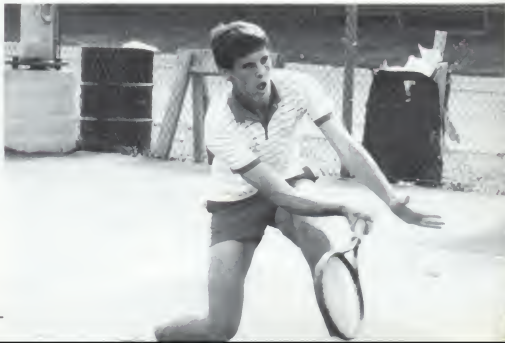
—Amy James and
Stephanie Markos

"I picked my game up a level during conference play," junior John Smith said.

League."

Number one ranked varsity tennis player John Smith, junior, said "I just hoped we could

Returning the serve to his Chesterton opponent, sophomore Jeff Lay helps the JV team to a victory over Chesterton with a score of 5-0.





Instant Replay...

PHS		OPP
5	Noll	0
2	Highland	3
5	Lafayette Jeff.	0
1	W. Lafayette	4
3	Chesterton	2
1	Valparaiso	4
2	Andrea	3
3	Merrillville	2
5	Hobart	0
2	LaPorte	3
4	M.C. Rogers	1
3	St. Joseph	2
3	Crown Point	2
4	M.C. Elston	1

Sectionals		
4	Chesterton	1
2	Valparaiso	3

Season Record: 10-6

Sophomore Clay Davis returns the ball to his LaPorte opponent. The JV team defeated LaPorte with a score of 4-1.



JV Tennis - Front row: Clay Davis, Cal Ackerman, Jeff King, Dave Casillas, Nick Fatal, Jeremy Barker. Second row: Matt Malaski, Sean Enstrom, Bill Swenden, Chris Wertha, Jay Manna, David Platt. Third row: Brian Minick, John Herrold, Sean Fingerhoot, John Szabo, Jeremy Juszczak. Back row: Jay Bridges, Jeff Lay, Arlis Johnson, Dave Warren, Erik Mason, Jason Kolczak.

Varsity Tennis - Front row: Tom Kaminski, Geoff Hatfield, Justin Smith, Jon Lukowski. Back row: Jay Bridges, Cliff Barnett, Arlis Johnson, Erik Taylor, John Smith, Sean Fingerhoot.

No Pain, No Gain



Both Girls and Boys Track Teams Found That Hard Work Really Payed Off

Most people despise the thought of running. They hate running when they have to, and the thought of running on their own freewill seems crazy; so why did the members of the girls and boys track teams do it?

"I loved the feeling that I got after Iran a race and won," sophomore Brad Gary said.

"Track was so great, we had such an awesome season," freshman Aaron Galindo said.

Denise Lilly, sophomore, said, "I liked running in track because it was so competitive and there was always room to improve yourself."

At the end of each season there are always things that the members of the team will remember for the rest of their lives.

Denise said, "The thing that I'll remember for the rest of my life was

when we won conference. The whole team was so quiet when the officials were announcing the results of the meet, as soon as they said the second place team was Michigan City we all started to scream because we knew we had first place. I was so happy that I started to cry."

There were also things that happened throughout the season that the teams really wish they could forget.

Junior Lisa Christy said, "My least favorite part of the season was the Valpo meet. It rained so hard and was so cold that the sand in the long jump pit felt like cement. My legs hurt for days."

Brad said, "I wish I could forget all of the Saturday practices that we had to go to, I hated getting up that early and going straight to practice."

Although track seems like it would be an individual sport, there's a lot of teamwork that needs to be put into it and the girls team thought that they needed to improve on that for next season.

Yvonne Jaime, sophomore, said, "I think the team needs to make a bigger effort to stay together. Throughout the season it seemed like the sprinters were one team and the distance runners were another team, it shouldn't be that way because we're all supposed to be one team. I think that if we improved on that by next season we could do a lot better."

At the end of the season the seniors on both teams had all of their ribbons from their victories and the sad memories of their losses. The underclassmen also had the hopes of coming back next year and having an even better season.

—Amy James

Sophomore Yvonne Jaime clears the high jump bar during a dual meet against Michigan City Rogers. This season Yvonne tied the school record with a jump of 5' 3".





Instant Replay...

PHS OPP

Girls Track

49	Valparaiso	70
58	Chesterton	60
79	Hobart	39
74	LaPorte	44
70	Merrillville	48
82	Crown Point	36
49	M.C. Rogers	69

Lake Central Relays

3rd

Highland Invite

2nd

Andrean Relays

3rd

Gary Invite

3rd

Conference

1st

Sectionals

1st

Regionals

5th

Boys Track

100	Hobart	33
93	Crown Point	39
63	Chesterton	64
52	Valparaiso	75
97	LaPorte	30
91	M.C. Rogers	36
82	Merrillville	45

Andrean Relays

2nd

Chesterton Relays

2nd

Conference

3rd

Sectionals

2nd

Junior Erik Wiseman leans into the finish line and takes first place in the 400 meter dash. The boys track team placed 3rd at the Dundeland Athletic Conference.



Girls Track—Front Row: Kristy Cunningham, Beth Koszowski, Tracy Hostek, Heather Westerkamp, Denise Lilly, Mandy Miotke, Jennifer Buergler, Jessica Hutchins, Michelle Olivencia. Row 2: Alyn Sanders, Cathy Campbell, Shelli Gibson, Emily Frechette, Jennifer Holms, Amy James, Sherri Stamper, Rosime Bason. Row 3: Coach Dale Fadley, Yvonne Jaime, Kim Mosley, Melissa Rabo, Laura Fagely, Amber Rignolds, Carrie Stout, Mindy Witt, Shawn Crisman. Back Row: Erin Rhoeburg, Stephanie Ailes, Jennifer Fisher, Teresa Shaw, Lisa Christy, Rachel Mahns, Becky Pelke, Jenene Stafford, Coach Mark Hirsha.

Boys Track—Front Row: Jason Skolak, Dan Sharley, Jake Wemley, Josh Persbun, Tom Selsa. Row 2: Donovan McKiddy, Dave Waechter, Brian Krawl, Greg Hendershot, Jason Mauch, Brad Gary, Alan Kane, Mike Foley, Nick Munoz. Row 3: Mike Guth, Aaron Galindo, Shawn Fisher, Mike Longworth, Rich Littlefield, John Brunick, Mike Rake, Rob McKay, Bryon Clouse, Carl Pedone. Row 4: Adam Trinkl, Cory McCammon, Ken Cruz, Dan Allan, Dustin Sandoval, Josh McCormick, Tuan Nguyen, Frank Essig, Chad Huffman, Brian Graves. Row 5: Jason Stepanowich, Rubin Perez, Mike Little, Shaun Connors, Dave Skolak, Brian Ballis, Dustin Simmons, Lee Clausen, Jeremy Connors. Row 6: Nathan Pickett, Stephen Stelichey, Dan Stamper, Mike Jaso, Rob Gross, Chris Jones, Chris Spurrer, Eric Strausbaugh, Erik Wiseman, Jim McMurry. Back Row: Coach Jim McCabe, Coach Bill Wilke, Coach Tom Milner, Coach John Koppes.



Hard Work, Much Play

Girls Team Endures Tough Summer Conditioning and Hard Practices

Girls are always worried about how their hair looks, they go into a frenzy of panic if they break out in a sweat, and they spend their whole summer at the beach working on that perfect tan.

Maybe members of the girls volleyball team broke this stereotype by practicing hard every day after school and giving up a good portion of their summer for conditioning and trouts.

"The thing I liked most about volleyball was just being part of the team."
sophomore
Lori Bonez
said.

Sophomore Kim Nusbbaum said, "I thought conditioning was fun. It was worth giving up part of the summer because it got you in shape for the season."

Kelly Knapp, sophomore said, "I was injured over the summer because of my hip so I

couldn't do anything at conditioning, but I still went. I thought summer conditioning was worth it because it gave us all a chance to get to know each other and learn to work as a team."

"Personally I didn't think that the practices were hard," Kelly said. "If we worked really hard at practice, then it paid off in our games."

There were always things that team members liked most about the sport they played.

Lori Bonez, sophomore, said, "The thing I liked most about volleyball was just being part of the team."

Kelly didn't think that there was one particular thing any one person could improve on. "To improve yourself in volleyball, you can't work on just one thing, you have to work on everything."

Kim thought the team could improve itself by helping each other

out more. "When someone messed up we shouldn't have yelled or got down on each other, we should have tried to cheer them up."

At the end of the season there were some favorite memories or some crazy incidents that stuck out in some of their minds.

Kelly jokingly said, "I'll always remember being hurt all of the time; I hurt my hip going into the season, and I hurt my foot at the end of the season. By the end of each practice I always had some new scrapes and bruises."

At the end of the season the girls volleyball team thought that all of their hard work and dedication really paid off and they look forward to next season, even the hard practices and summer conditioning.

—Amy James

Sophomores Kim Nusbbaum and Lori Bonez and freshmen Erika Murrow, Lizzie Garner and Christy Lovings express excitement after they won one of the many games they played this season. The JV team finished the season with a record of 20-8 while the freshman team finished with a record of 11-4.





Freshman Volleyball—Front Row: Christy Ramian, Lora Tinnell, Angela Armenta, Angela McWhither, Carmen McKee. Back Row: Coach Janie Sidall, Shene Stafford, Jessica Hufford, Shana Pollock, Missy Fekete, Michelle Revoir, Manager Chad Franks.



JV Volleyball—Front Row: Lizzie Garner, Mindy Witt, Erika Murrow. Row 2: Manager Jennifer Fonner, Lori Bonez, Kelly Knapp, Vanessa Vargus, Kim Nusbaum, Manager Darcie Newberry. Back Row: Manager Greg Bradach, Christy Lovings, Shawna Hess, Hannah Marcinkovich, Manager Denise Lilly, Coach Jodi Bradach.

Sophomores Shawna Hess and Kelly Knapp look on intently as Kim Nusbaum spikes the ball over the net. Kim helped the team to a second place victory at the Andrian tournament.



Working for a Little Respect

Inconsistency of Play Draws Question to Ability of Team

Many heads turned and every ear heard as a chant rang out through the Wheeler High School gym: "We are someone!" The varsity volleyball team, huddled up on the court, made a point to all who could hear.

This chant, a statement to local newspaper reporters who chose to overlook the team and their ability

to compete in the sectional tournament, became a symbolic reference to what the team seemed to be working to achieve the entire season.

"They acted like we were nobodies and it made us all more pumped up to play and to

prove them wrong," senior Rosie Jovanovic said.

"I was pissed off," senior Amy Mattix said. "We were treated like nothings. They

didn't care about us. We faced 'em."

The team went on to become sectional runner-ups in a teary-eyed ending sectional championship match against a talented Valparaiso team. This match also epitomized the season as a whole, coming up slightly short in the end.

"Our season wasn't as good as the other teams. They all had better records," senior Lora Phegley said.

Many of the games during the season were very close. Ten of the season's matches went to three games, the longest match lasting almost two hours. Three went into over-time.

"We stuck together most of the times—sometimes we fell apart and couldn't get back together," Amy said.

The teams most important goal for the season was to win sectionals. However, the group who screamed in excitement and hugged each other on the court after beating Wheeler in the semi's of sectionals, stood, cried and watched later that night as Valparaiso held up

the sectional trophy claiming their fifth consecutive crown. Some cried even before the last point was put up on the scoreboard. Others waited until they announced Valparaiso as the sectional champ. A few others waited until they were on the bus sitting alone to let their tears flow.

"If we had played hard and lost it wouldn't have been so disappointing," senior Melissa Stitts said. "We did play hard, but not well. Not as well as a team like we did [against Wheeler and Washington Township].

"It's weird," she said, struggling to find the right words to describe her feeling afterwards. "I just feel kinda numb, I guess."

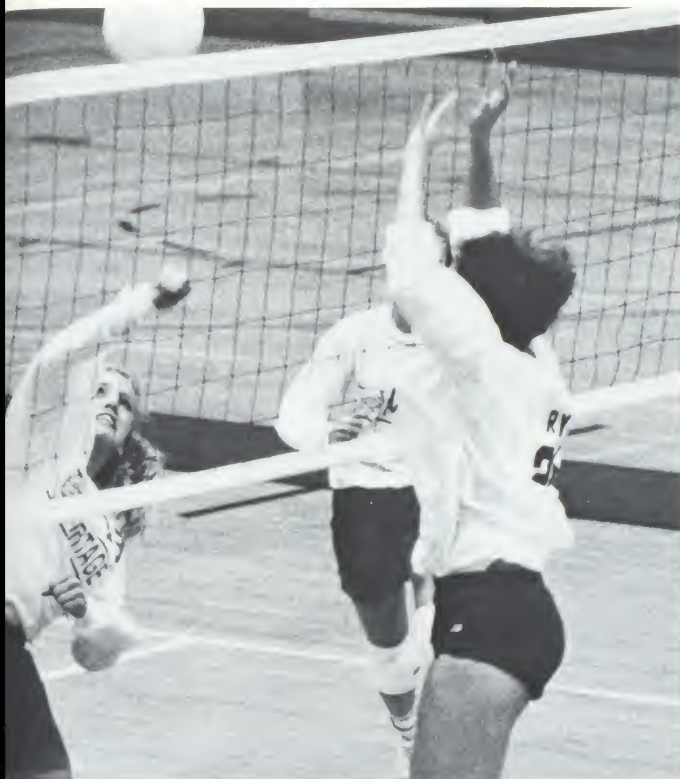
Referring to the whole season, Carrie said, "Even though we didn't have the best record [13-20, 2-4 DAC], we were high in spirit and had fun together as a team."

—Dave Jennings

Reacting quickly to the ball, senior Michelle McKinney digs a powerful spike from the opponent as seniors Rosie Jovanovic and Melissa Stitts, named best defensive player, cover behind.

Junior Susan Dicken and senior Tracie Splitgerber attempt to block the opponent's oncoming spike, as sophomore Mandy Miotke and senior Deanna Taylor prepare to dig the ball.





Instant Replay...

PHS	OPP
2	Lowell 0
0	Crown Point 2
1	Marquette 2
2	Washington Twp. 0
2	Wheeler 0
0	Elston 2
0	LaPorte 2
0	Lake Central 2
2	Morton 1
2	Merrillville 0
1	Highland 2
1	Andean 2
0	Kankakee Valley 2
2	Lake Station 1
0	Chesterton 2
0	M.C. Rogers 2
0	Valparaiso 2
0	Hammond Noll 2
2	Gary West Side 1
2	Hobart 0
2	Hammond Gavit 0
Elston tournament:	
1	Marquette 2
1	Highland 2
0	Elston 2
2	St. Joe 0
0	LaPorte 2
Chesterton Invitational:	
0	Munster 2
1	Chesterton 2
2	Hammond Gavit 1
St. Joe Tourney:	
0	Plymouth 2
0	Wheeler 2
Sectionals	
2	Washington Twp. 2nd
2	Wheeler 0
0	Valparaiso 2

Season Record: 13-20, 2-4 DAC

Showing her ability to react quickly, senior Carrie Lilly, voted most valuable net player for the season, punches the ball over after her spike attempt failed. Carrie made the Dune-land Athletic Conference team at the end of the season.



Varsity Volleyball—Front row: Kari Wiseman, Susan Dicken, Carrie Lilly. Row 2: Lora Phegley, Melissa Stitts, Tracie Splitgerber. Back row: Manager Dave Jennings, Mandy Miotke, Michelle McKinney, Deanna Taylor, Amy Mattix, Rosie Jovanovic, Head Coach Cheryl Girman.



Muscles and Brains

Wrestling Takes More Than Just Muscles, It Also Takes Brains and Self-Determination

Wrestling is more than just a sport, it takes skill and determination to over power an opponent. There might be embarrassing moments or even slight glitches at the meets, but in the end the team pulls together.

"We [the team] got along together well with each other and our coaches. When your team wins

"I wish that I could have wrestled better in high school," senior Jeremy Rivas replied.

and you lose, you do not feel bad," senior Paul Palichuk said.

Some wrestlers started wrestling only a few years ago, others started as early as six to eight years ago. They all have different reasons for joining wrestling.

"I started wrestling eight years ago to keep

myself out of trouble and off the streets," senior Steve Batista said.

Jason Levenson, sophomore, said, "I have been in wrestling for six years. I went to one of my brother's meets and I took interest in it."

There are times when members on the team felt that they had accomplished something in being a wrestler.

"I accomplished a goal of mine which was competing in state," Paul said.

Sophomore Steve Elliott said, "One of my goals was to get in better shape than before I started and I accomplished that goal."

When becoming a powerful wrestler, an athlete will probably go through some embarrassing moments or even experiencing a bad meet.

There are also moments when a wrestler experiences a meet in which to remember.

"I was embarrassed when I was pinned in

thirty seconds at a meet," Jason said.

"I'll never forget the meet I had in eighth grade. I crapped my pants when I was wrestling," Steve B. said.

Some wrestlers will continue their wrestling careers in college while others might not because of what their career choice in college might be.

Steve E. said, "I do not know if I will continue wrestling in college. It all depends on what I decide to do in college."

Members of the team may have fulfilled their goals in wrestling with seeing the season record that they thought was outstanding. The varsity team finished the season with a record of 18-1, while the JV team went undefeated with a record of 19-0.

—Brian Forst

Sophomore Jason Dudley concentrates on the next maneuver to ensure a pin. The varsity team placed 20th at state and at the end of the season was finally ranked 10th in the state.

Junior Byron Chandler struggles to keep from letting his opponent get a pin. The JV team finished the season with a record of 19-0.



Instant Replay ...



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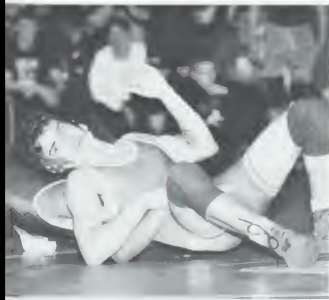
29 Hobart	34
35 Merrillville	21
49 Valparaiso	10
67 M.C. Elston	3
43 S.B. Clay	10
45 Hammond	20
22 Chesterton	21
35 LaPorte	20
34 Chesterton	14
49 M.C. Rogers	10

Tournaments:

Lake Central Harvest	
Classic	2nd
Crown Point	1st
Mishawaka	7th
Duneland	1st
Chesterton	1st
Culver Military	1st
Sectionals	1st
Regionals	1st
Semi-state	2nd
State	20th

Season Record
18-1

Senior Paul Palichuk attacks an opponent. Paul helped the team to two first place victories at sectionals and regionals.



Wrestling — Front Row: Tony Hammerstein, Glenn Ballor, Byron Chandler, Jeremy Ryvas, Jason Dudley, Carlisle Witherall, Jason Alaniz, Paul Chandler, Joe Foster, Brandon McKinney, Jim Vernon. Row 2: John Joseph, Jim Coley, Ian Pittman, Nick Munoz, Jeff Levenda, Danny Schultz, Scott Curan, Kelly Bogan, Mike Keith, Karl Nagy, Elias Jimenez, Jeremy Hossa. Row 3: Dan Scholebo, Paul Palichuk, Andy Baker, Dan Bonta, Brent Williams, David Roman, Casey Palichuk, Tim Hall, Bill Haddow, Coach Larry Tharp. Back Row: Coach Kurt Lawson, Rian Banogan, Jeremy Putman, Steve Elliot, Mike Cirak, Jeff Chadwick, Shawn Stutler, Roger Peele, Jason Levenson, Matt Movre, Chris Truman, Chris Spurrier, Gary Chavez, Manager Justin Posovak.



Running a Complete Victory

Boys Cross Country Team Runs Almost Perfect Season and Wins State Title

Run, run, run. Was that all that the cross country team ever did? If it was, the team sure thought it was worth it.

The boy's cross country team finished the regular season with only one loss, a Duneland Athletic conference title, a first place in sectionals, regionals, and semi-state, and finally they went on to be the 1992 IHSAA state champions.

"The best part of the season was winning state," sophomore Josh McCormack said.

Most of the members on the cross country team shared the same season highlight.

"I thought the best part of the season was definitely winning state," junior Bryon Clouse said.

"Winning state was great," senior Jason Steponovich said. "Since

we won state my senior year, I felt like I was leaving in style."

Senior Chris Melvin said, "I didn't run in state because I was hurt most of the season, but I still thought that winning state was the best part of the season because I enjoyed seeing everyone happy after they won."

Though there were a lot of wins throughout the season, and the team did enjoy all of the compliments and attention they received, that wasn't all that mattered to the team.

"Being in cross country was great partly because of all of the closeness on the team, we made a lot of great friends," Bryon said.

Chris said, "I made a lot of great friends that I'll never forget, I'll miss them all a lot after I graduate."

Jason said, "I'm in cross country because I

love the sport, I always have and I always will. After high school I hope to run for a college, if I don't I'll still keep running just to stay in shape."

The team showed just how much they loved the sport by all of the hard practices and sacrifices they made during the season. For example, the cross country team couldn't go to most of the Friday night dances because a lot of their meets were on Saturday mornings and they needed a good night's sleep for the following day.

The boy's cross country team finished, what they thought to be, an excellent season, proving how much they loved the sport of cross country by all of their hard practices, which did pay off with a huge reward, the state championship.

-Amy James

Before the state cross country meet, several boys who participated got together for one final prayer before they ran. The team took first place in the meet.

Senior Jason Steponovich stretches out before one of the many meets that the team won this season. Jason finished seventh at the state meet.



InstantReplay...

PHS	OPP
15	Lake Central 48
17	Merrillville 47
15	LaPorte 50
18	New Prairie 42
15	M.C. Rogers 49
30	Chesterton 27
19	Valparaiso 38
15	Hobart 50
Penn Hokum Karem 1st	
Rebel Invite 1st	
New Prairie 1st	
Manchester Invite 1st	
DAC 1st	
Sectionals 1st	
Regionals 1st	
Semi-state 1st	
State 1st	

Season Record
8-1

Principal Mr. Forrest Rhode, along with a few other members of the cross country team, proudly shows off the trophy they won after they won the state championship.



Front Row: Rob McKay, Mike Foley, Nick Munoz, Terry Wampler, Tuan Nguyen. **Row 2:** Steve Polland, Chris Melvin, Jeremy Connor, Adam Davis, Dave Bell, Nick Morris, Bryon Clouse, Josh McCormack, Nathan Pickett, Brian Graves. **Back Row:** Coach Jim McCabe, Phil Cantu, Dave Waechter, Frank Essig, Cory McCammon, Jason Stepanovich, Dustin Sandoval, Byron Chandler, Ken Crews, Dan Allen, Dan Luedtke, Matt Brown, Coach Bill Wilke.

Helping out and being a part of the community helps make the school special

School was not the only important part of life for students. Students also went to work. We learned about what it is like in the "real world" and how to get along with bosses and managers that we didn't like.

We got will always be special to us. We also began to work

munity and they began to help us. The community bought

the yearbook, **Pow Wow** and school plays. They also provided us with cars for the

Home -

gave to

gram for

ered the excitment of politics during elec-

aspects of society when they helped bring

clubs learned how hard it is to raise money during the many fundraisers throughout the

year. Everything that we learned out of school was just as important as what we learned

in classes. Time spent in the community will always be very special to us.



Kathy Ring, junior, makes a special effort to keep Hwy. 6 clean. The Speech Team adopted one mile of Hwy 6 to keep the community looking special.

The first job

with the com-

ads to support



Jennifer Zehner, junior, spent her evenings working at McDonald's in South Haven. Many students found working in the community to be necessary.

coming Parade. In return we helped them. The Honor Society

the community when they sponsored the book recycling pro-

the second



The Honor Society went to Fountainview Nursing Home to play bingo with residents in January. Rachel Mahna, senior, gives carnations to a senior citizen.

year. Student Council discov-

tions. C.O.I.L. learned many

businesses to Portage. Many

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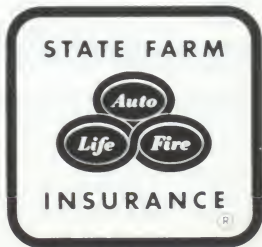


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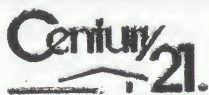
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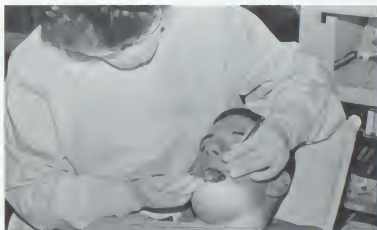
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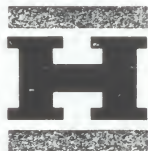
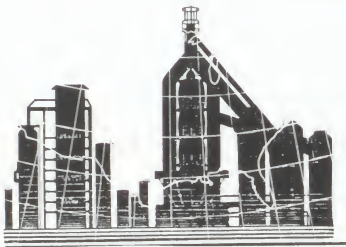
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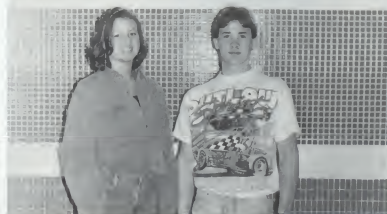
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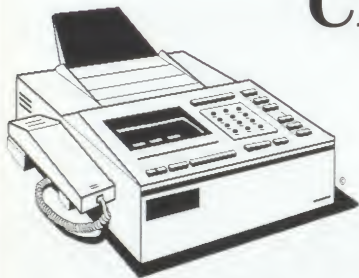
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Last Curtain Call...

As the curtain closed on another school year, it also closed on the careers of three teachers. Mrs. Ruth Harbrecht, Mr. Hilary Fish and Mr. James McCabe retired at the end of the 1992-93 school year.

Mrs. Harbrecht taught German for 31 years. She explained that she would miss the students and the friends she has made here, but that she was also looking forward to retirement. "I'm going to travel, farm and clean my house once I am retired," she said.

Mr. McCabe taught math for 29 years. Not only did he teach math and computer science, but he was actively involved with the cross country and track teams. Mr. McCabe will be moving to Wisconsin after his retirement and working with computers as an accountant/bookkeeper for businesses.

Mr. Fish taught science for 26 years. The highlight of Mr. Fish's career was when he saw the light come on in a student's head and they said "I see." Mr. Fish plans on travelling and gardening. He also hopes to find another field of work, something new and different.

As the lights dimmed and the curtain fell, students and faculty bid these cast members a fond farewell.

Mr. McCabe, 1980, works a problem on the board.

Mrs. Harbrecht, in the early 1970's, lectures to students during class.



Distributing papers, Fish prepares to finish the school year and head into retirement.



Closing Credits...

Members of the Academic Decathlon team competed throughout the year. In May, the four members of the Fine Arts team, freshman Dan Lomax, seniors Dan Vincent, Heather Hedstrom and junior Bruce Selvage, travelled to Warren Central High School in Indianapolis and competed in the state meet. The team was tied for first place with Fort Wayne Snyder but lost a tie-breaker to earn a second place. The team was coached by Mrs. Dorothy Kurtz.



Decathalon team --First Row: Sheila Lynch, Maria Pena, Jaime Rhodus, Mrs. Dorothy Kurtz. Row 2: Dan Vincent, Dan Lomax, Peter Frick, Heather Hedstrom, Mrs. Jill Mangold. Back Row: Bruce Selvage, Tom Gregorzyk, Pedro Claudio, Mr. Joe Sparacino.

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emember the special times of the year. The school year was made special when: Spanish Club took a trip to Spain; all but one band received a first division rating at district contest; a new walkway was built and PHS West was completely remodeled with new walls, new floors, a new roof, new lockers and more; building started for the new Super K-Mart; Assistant Principal Mr. Don Alkire experienced his last year at PHS, with Mr. Jim Samuel taking Mr. Alkire's position and Mrs. Caren Prow taking Mr. Samuel's position.

This year was made complete and special with plenty of memories to remind us of what a unique year it was. When we look back at 1992-93, memories may be all we have left.



"It hasn't even hit me yet that I'm out of school. Maybe after I graduate I will feel differently."
Dawn Miller, senior, said.



"I'm happy that I'm out of school because I don't have to sit here in school all day. But I still have to come here during the summer."
Valerie Duff, junior, said.

"The Spring musical was always a special event. Junior Dana Wellman, freshman Angel Kukulies, senior Tracy Barnard, freshman Kaini Blaha and senior Dan Vincent all played parts in Funny Girl."



•Seniors Louis Rodriguez and Jeremy Jovanovic make memories they can keep for their senior year at the Christmas Dance by acting unique and special.



•Students learned to party at pep sessions and games. Tony Pauwels, sophomore, dressed to show his support for the Indians at the pep session.

•Dan Cardenas, senior, tries to reach the soccer ball before his opponent. For some, sports were favorite ways to make the school year special.



Special Attractions

CUT! THAT'S A WRAP! Congratulating senior Jason Stepanovich on his placing at state, Principal Mr. Forrest Rhode, watches as Jason is presented with his medal. The boys' cross country team brought home several trophies by winning sectionals, regionals, semi-state and state. The state championship was one of the most memorable moments for the students and just one of the year's many special attractions.



Legend 1993

the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased by 50% (Mental Health Foundation 1999). The prevalence of mental health problems has increased in the general population, and the incidence of mental health problems has increased in the prison population.

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the mental health needs of prisoners. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for mental health services, which includes a commitment to improve the mental health of prisoners. The Department of Health (1999) has also published a strategy for mental health services, which includes a commitment to improve the mental health of prisoners.

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Colophon

The 1993 Legend was produced during one class period and after school.

The 1993 Legend was printed by Jostens in State College, Pa. Serving as sales representative was Mr. Mike Hackleman and our plant consultant was Yvette Freeman.

The book contained 240 pages. The 1300 books were printed on recycled paper. The cover was designed with the help of a Jostens professional artist, Robert Gyster. A large portion of the body copy was set 10 pt. New Century Schoolbook and most captions are in 8 pt. IDs are in 7 pt. and headlines are primarily in 36 pt. The primary type used in the book is New Century Schoolbook and Regency Script.

The book was produced entirely on the Macintosh computers using the Yeartech program.

Halterman, 711 W. Joliet, Ottawa, IL, was the official school photographer. They produced portraits, some candids and group shots. Other sports group photos were taken by Mr. Jerry Alderson. Remaining photos were produced in the publications darkroom by members of the photography staff.

The book was distributed in the fall of '93. It was sold at registration for \$15. During the school year it was sold for \$18 and at distribution it was sold for \$25.

The 1992 Legend was rated first class with three marks of distinction by the National Scholastic Press Association.

Special thanks to Beginning Journalism students for writing various stories throughout the book.

